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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Christopher Floyd Cris

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Carjacker Gets  
9 Years Prison

**Modesto, California** – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Christopher Floyd Cris, age 34, of Modesto, was convicted on July 21, 2011 of carjacking, a “strike” under California’s “Three Strikes” law. Cris is currently on parole for vandalism stemming from an August 2009 conviction. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On December 8, 2010 at approximately 3:00 a.m., a security guard was patrolling closed businesses in the industrial park area on North Star Way in Modesto. Behind one of the buildings, Cris and a female friend were inside a dumpster and appeared to be looking for cans and bottles. The guard then asked for Cris’s full name and date of birth and Cris complied. When the security guard advised Cris that he was not allowed to dumpster dive, Cris became enraged and charged the guard. Cris was then able to grab the guard’s car keys to his 1999 white Ford Taurus patrol car. Cris then jumped into the security guard’s car and drove away, leaving behind the female. After the security guard called 911 to report that his car had been stolen, the police were able to locate the vehicle since it had a GPS navigation unit installed. The vehicle had been abandoned in an orchard in the area of Shoemake Avenue and Dakota Avenue in Modesto. Cris had fled the area. An arrest warrant was issued for Cris and he was arrested two weeks later.

Judge John Freeland sentenced Cris to nine years in state prison.

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