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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Kadree Rush Lowrey  
Auto Thief Gets  
4 Years, 8 Months Prison

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**Modesto, California** – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Kadree Rush Lowrey, age 19, of Keyes, was convicted on August 26, 2011 of auto theft. Lowrey also admitted a prior conviction from September 2010 for assault with a deadly weapon, a strike under California’s “Three Strikes” Law. Lowrey was on probation for a theft conviction from March 2011. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On June 13, 2011 at approximately 5:00 a.m. in the area of Third Street in Riverbank, a 2003 gray Volkswagen Jetta was stolen after the registered owner left it running and unattended while she quickly ran into her apartment. The owner had purchased the car one week earlier and had left the bill of sale and DMV documents in the glove box. The officer had to call the used car lot to get the license plate information. The next day, the vehicle was located adjacent to a school in Keyes after the transmission broke down and the vehicle caught on fire. Through investigation by the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (StanCATT), officers were able to determine that Lowrey participated in the theft of the Jetta.

The Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Lowrey to four years and eight months in state prison.

The District Attorney’s Office urges residents to never leave their vehicles running and unattended.

Stanislaus County residents can report suspected vehicle theft activity to their local law enforcement agency or contact the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (StanCATT) at: (209) 545-7316.

**IF YOU OBSERVE A THEFT IN PROGRESS, DIAL 911**