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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Adam Christopher Moore

**Auto Thief Gets
5 Years, 4 Months Prison**

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Adam Christopher Moore, age 25, of Modesto, was convicted on July 11, 2011 of attempted auto theft and possession of methamphetamine. Moore also admitted a prior auto theft conviction from June 2006, as well as a prior conviction in 2006 for residential burglary which falls under California's "Three Strikes" law. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On August 27, 2010 at approximately 7:00 p.m., an officer observed Moore driving a vehicle with expired registration on College Avenue in Modesto. After performing a routine traffic stop, the officer discovered that Moore was on parole. A condition of parole includes search terms to ensure that parolees are not possessing any contraband. A parole search revealed a small bundle of methamphetamine in Moore's pants' pocket. Moore claimed that the pants were his friend's and he didn't know the methamphetamine was in the pocket. After being arrested, Moore posted bail and was released from custody.

On January 16, 2011 at approximately 4:30 p.m., a security guard at Vintage Faire Mall observed Moore underneath the dashboard of a 1995 gold Saturn sedan. When the security guard approached the car, Moore stated that he was trying to start the vehicle for his girlfriend. The security guard started to call a Modesto police officer who was stationed at the mall for assistance. Moore then ran away. The officer observed Moore running through the parking lot towards Standiford Avenue and Sisk Road. The officer caught up to Moore where he was arrested and taken into custody. The registered owner was then contacted inside the mall and she stated that she didn't know Moore and that no one had permission to be in her car.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable John Freeland sentenced Moore to five years and four months in state prison.

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.

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