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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Anthony Ralph Sistare, AKA Bergstrom

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Auto Thief
Gets 5 Years

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Anthony Ralph Sistare, AKA Bergstrom, age 42, of Turlock, was convicted on July 29, 2011 of possession of a stolen vehicle. Sistare also admitted prior auto theft convictions from June 2008 and April 2010 for which he was still on parole. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On June 19, 2011 at approximately 9:00 p.m., an officer from the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (StanCATT) observed a 1990 white Honda Accord that was parked in the area of Ruberto Street and Jefferson Street in Modesto. The vehicle had been reported stolen earlier that day from an alleyway off of Sylvan Avenue in Modesto. The officer then observed Sistare get into the vehicle and drive off. A traffic stop was performed and Sistare was arrested for being inside a recently stolen car.

Judge Scott Steffen sentenced Sistare to five years 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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