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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: David Thomas Shriver
Auto Thief Sentenced to
Two Years Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that David Thomas Shriver, age 27, of Ceres, was convicted on August 27, 2010 of auto theft, evading a peace officer, and resisting arrest. Shriver is currently on probation stemming from a commercial burglary conviction from November 2007. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On August 3, 2010 at around 1:00 p.m., Shriver stole a 1993 white Honda Accord from the driveway of a home on Twilight Drive in Ceres. After the victim reported his vehicle stolen, officers from the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (StanCATT) reviewed surveillance video from the homeowner's security system and were able to identify Shriver. The vehicle was later abandoned on August 5, 2010 at around 3:00 p.m. in the alley behind 4th Street in Ceres. Officers were able to recover Shriver's fingerprint from the vehicle. A warrant for arrest was then issued against Shriver.

On August 10, 2010 at approximately 4:30 a.m. in the area of E. Whitmore Avenue and 9th Street in Ceres, an officer observed a person driving a Honda del Sol. The driver matched the description of Shriver. When the officer started to get behind the vehicle in order to run the license plate, the vehicle accelerated away. The officer then activated his lights and siren to perform a routine traffic stop, but Shriver accelerated to over 50 m.p.h. in a 25 m.p.h. residential neighborhood, drove in opposite lanes of travel, and failed to stop at traffic signals. Shriver's vehicle then became disabled after he collided with a curb. Shriver jumped out of the car and was able to elude capture, however, he had left his cell phone inside the car. Another warrant of arrest was then issued against Shriver.

On August 18, 2010 at approximately 6:00 p.m. Shriver was located and arrested inside the Foster's Freeze on Whitmore Avenue in Ceres.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Shriver to two 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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