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Sacramento Man Sentenced for Multi-County High Speed Chase

(Woodland, CA) – May 1, 2020 – On May 1, 2020, 27-year-old Sacramento man, Arnold Parker, was sentenced by the Honorable David Rosenberg to 3 years formal probation and 328 days county jail. Parker was convicted by a Yolo County jury of Evading a Police Officer with Reckless Driving and Resisting a Peace Officer on February 25, 2020.

On November 20, 2019, officers from the Woodland Police Department were called to the Motel 6 in response to a gun found in the defendant's room. Officers learned that the defendant had recently been placed on felony probation and attempted to contact him. Parker was located in the front of the motel with his car running. He refused to follow officers orders and fled in his vehicle.

Parker drove onto Main Street at a high rate of speed with motorcycle officers in pursuit. Parker ran a stop light and merged onto southbound Interstate 5. There, he accelerated to over 100 miles per hour and passed numerous vehicles on both the right and left shoulder in an attempt to get away from the officers. He continued southbound, crossing into Sacramento County where he continued his reckless driving.

Parker eventually exited Interstate 5 at the airport and began driving through farm fields. He then drove through a fence and abandoned his car on the side of Interstate 5, facing the wrong direction. He then attempted to hide in blackberry bushes 100 yards away from where he abandoned his car. Once he was located, the defendant refused to come out of the bushes. Parker was eventually apprehended by members of the Woodland Police Department, Yolo County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol and other local law enforcement agencies.

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