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PAROLEE CONVICTED OF RECKLESS EVADING

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A Shasta County jury late Thursday returned a guilty verdict against 35 year-old Travis Alexander Hill on a single felony charge of Evading a Peace Officer with Willful and Wanton Disregard for Safety. After the jury's verdict, Hill then admitted having a 1990 "strike" conviction for domestic violence causing great bodily injury and four additional special allegations for having served prison terms. Besides the prior domestic violence conviction, Hill has also previously been convicted of, and served separate prison sentences for, attempted auto theft in 1995, possession of a controlled substance in 1996, and battery on a peace officer causing injury in 2000.

The crime occurred at shortly after 8:00 a.m., on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, when Redding Police Officers Robert Garner and Duane Morrison attempted to stop a pick-up truck driven by Hill for traffic violations. At the time, Hill was a parolee at large with a pending warrant for his arrest. In the truck with Hill was passenger Glenda Propp, who also had five pending arrest warrants. Hill led the officers on an approximately seven mile pursuit in which he initially fled northbound on Interstate 5 from the Cypress Avenue interchange, weaving through morning traffic and passing a tractor trailer on the right shoulder. Shortly before reaching the Twin View Boulevard exit, Hill suddenly made a sharp turn across the center median and into the southbound lanes of the interstate, with the patrol car in pursuit. Hill continued southbound until swerving in front of another big rig and exiting at westbound Highway 44. The chase concluded when Hill approached heavy morning traffic in downtown Redding and he pulled over on Liberty Street.

At sentencing on April 10 before Superior Court Judge Wilson Curle Hill faces up to 10 years in state prison. He also faces additional felony charges in Tehama County for unrelated drug offenses.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Brian Popkes. Travis Hill is represented by Deputy Public Defender James Askew.