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DRUNK DRIVER FACING LIFE IN PRISON

Yesterday, Stephen Arnold Moore, 39, of Redding pled guilty to felony hit and run causing injury and felony driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury in connection with a traffic collision in downtown Redding on December 31, 2007. Moore also admitted two prior convictions which qualify as "strikes" under California's Three Strikes law as well as two allegations of prior prison commitments. Moore entered his guilty pleas before the Honorable Steven Jahr on the day he was set to begin his jury trial. He faces a sentence of up to 27 years to life in state prison when he is sentenced on May 23.

Moore was driving his vehicle northbound on Pine Street at a high speed when he ran a red light at the intersection of Shasta Street, striking a westbound vehicle being driven by David Doty. Mr. Doty's teenaged sons, Joel and Daniel, were passengers in his vehicle. The impact of the collision caused Mr. Doty's vehicle to collide with a building at the northwest corner of the intersection. After the collision, Mr. Moore fled on foot. Eyewitnesses were able to identify him as the driver. Redding Police Officer Elizabeth Harris arrested Moore several hours later after he called police to report his vehicle stolen. His blood alcohol approximately three and a half hours after the incident registered a .11.

When he was arrested, Moore denied that he was the driver of the vehicle. However, subsequent investigation by District Attorney Investigator Jeremy Duval revealed that Moore had made recorded statements admitting his involvement in the crime while in custody at the Shasta County Jail.

This case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Benjamin Hanna and was investigated by Redding Police Officer Elizabeth Harris and District Attorney Investigator Jeremy Duval. Barbara Dorris of Shasta County Victim Assistance helped the victims through the court process.