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REDDING MAN SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS IN PRISON FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
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A 44 year-old Redding man was sentenced today to 13 years, 4 months in state prison for domestic violence and making criminal threats. Harrison Leroy Branum pled guilty in January in Shasta County Superior Court to felony charges of corporal injury to a co-habitant and making criminal threats. Branum also admitted having a prior “strike” conviction from 1996 for corporal injury to a co-habitant causing great bodily injury.

The present case arose from an incident on June 15, 2008, when Shasta County Sheriff’s deputies were called to a residence on Duncan Lane regarding an assault and a women running down the road. Deputies arrived to find the victim at the residence of a neighbor, where she had fled on foot after being badly beaten by the defendant, who was her live-in boyfriend.

Branum has six prior felony convictions and has served four separate prior prison terms. Based on his prior “strike” conviction, Branum was sentenced as a second striker under California’s Three Strikes law and must serve at least 80% of his sentence before he will be eligible for parole.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Brian Popkes and was investigated by Shasta County Sheriff’s Deputy Steve Berg and District Attorney Investigator Jeremy Duval. Victim Advocate Angela Fitzgerald assisted the victim through the court process.