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**MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS 2 MONTHS FOR
FOR STALKING AND SEX CRIMES**

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Mark Wayne Gray, 42, of Redding, was sentenced today by the Honorable Monica Marlow to 20 years 2 months in state prison. Gray was convicted by jury on June 3, of 26 counts including; Stalking, Rape of an Unconscious Woman, Digital Penetration of an Unconscious Woman, First Degree Residential Burglary and Invasion of Privacy by Means of a Video Camera. The jury also found true an enhancement for the use of a controlled substance on a victim in the commission of a sex crime.

Over a one year time period Gray stalked his adult female victim by entering her vehicle and home, stealing individual shoes, a CD or other minor items; breaking windows at her home and letting the air out of tires to her vehicle; calling her with information regarding who she was with, where her car is parked and who she had talked to on the phone. His victim eventually hired a private investigator to help her determine who was responsible. She also reported several of these suspicious activities to the Redding Police Department eventually capturing the attention of the investigations division. A search warrant was executed on Gray's vehicle and home. Multiple items linking Gray to these crimes were located including keys to the victim's home concealed in his car; items taken from her home and vehicle inside Gray's home and vehicle; a prescription bottle of Ambien sleep aid with a crushed pill inside located inside his bedroom; and CD's, DVD's and video tapes capturing many of his illegal activities.

One video tape found because of the search warrant depicted video clips of Gray's neighbors inside the privacy of their own home engaged in sexual activity. This same tape included clips of Gray holding his victim's cell phone scrolling through her calls and reading her text messages.

The jury found true the allegation that Gray used the Ambien sleep aid found inside his bedroom to drug his victim and commit the charged sex crimes.

The case was investigated by Redding Police Department Detective Scott Hyatt and was prosecuted by Senior Deputy District Attorney Stephanie Bridgett. The victims were supported throughout the court process by Shasta County Victim Assistance Center Advocate Angie Mellis.