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**Man Sentenced to State Prison in Drug Collection Case**

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Jerry Wayne Gentry was sentenced to a total of 25 years state prison this afternoon by the Honorable Judge William Gallagher in Department 9 of the Shasta County Court. Gentry was convicted by jury on February 1, 2011 of two counts of Assault with a Deadly Weapon, in violation of Penal Code section 245(a)(1), Battery with Serious Bodily Injury, in violation of Penal Code section 243(d), False Imprisonment by Violence, in violation of Penal Code section 236/237, Criminal Threats, in violation of Penal Code section 422, and Sexual Battery by Restraint, in violation of 243.4(a). The jury also found it true that Gentry used a deadly weapon during the assault and that he caused great bodily injury. At a court trial held on February 14, 2011, the court found true a prior "strike" conviction, four prison priors, and a prior serious felony enhancement.

The facts underlying the charges stem from an event that occurred on October 15, 2009, where Gentry had the victim brought to the location where Gentry was staying, 6486 Highway 273 in Anderson, known to many as "The Ranch." Gentry had the victim brought to the Ranch because the victim owed him money for drugs he had provided the victim on an earlier occasion. After the victim was brought to the Ranch, Gentry and Jesse Bacon assaulted the victim with a flashlight several times, Gentry stabbed at the victim with a knife, and Gentry held the victim's penis and threatened to cut it off with a knife. Throughout the assault Gentry threatened the victim's life and the life of his family. Eventually the assault subsided and the victim offered to bring Gentry marijuana in exchange for the debt. The victim was cleaned up and dropped off. Gentry threatened that if the victim went to the police he would kill him. The victim did not report the assault for approximately two weeks.

Gentry's prior strike conviction stems from an arrest in the early 1990s where he drove a vehicle at a police officer in Siskiyou County. Gentry also has numerous prior drug related convictions including possession for sale of a controlled substance and manufacturing a controlled substance.

The case was investigated by California Highway Patrol Officer/SINTF Agent Robert Carrell and was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Emily Mees. The victims were supported throughout the court process by Shasta County Victim Witness Advocates Barbara Dorris.