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**Man Convicted of Rape and Domestic Violence**

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Patrick James Farmer, 34, of Redding was convicted today of various domestic violence related charges stemming from an incident in February 2010 where he held his estranged wife captive overnight. A jury trial started last week and testimony was heard for three days. Today, a jury of his peers convicted Farmer of Criminal Threats, Corporal Injury to a Spouse with a Prior Conviction, Spousal Rape and False Imprisonment by Violence, all felonies. The jury could not reach a verdict on a deadly weapon enhancement and an Assault with a Deadly Weapon charge. The Court found true an allegation that the defendant had not remained free from prison custody for five years before committing these new offenses.

The crime took place in a motor home that was on Farmer's father's property in the northern portion of Redding. On the night of February 23 and the morning of February 24, 2010, Farmer held his then wife captive. He strangled her, threatened her with a knife, repeatedly punched her in the head and then raped her. The next morning he left after threatening to kill her if she tried to leave. The victim quickly got dressed and ran to surrounding houses knocking on doors. A couple let her in and police were contacted.

Farmer's sentencing is scheduled for October 14, 2011 before the Honorable Judge Gaul. Farmer is facing up to eleven years and four months in state prison. Two of the charges he was convicted of today are considered "strikes" under California Three Strikes Law.

This case was investigated by Shasta County Sheriff's Department Detective Nick Thompson and District Attorney Investigator Mike Wallace. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Rachel Donahou. The victim was assisted by Barbara Dorris of the Shasta County District Attorney's Office.