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MAN SENTENCED IN RAPE CASE AFTER JURY TRIAL

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Patrick James Farmer, 34, of Redding was sentenced to eleven years and four months in state prison today. He was convicted by jury on September 16, 2011 of Criminal Threats, Corporal Injury to a Spouse with a Prior Conviction, Spousal Rape and False Imprisonment by Violence, all felonies. 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 estranged 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 hearing was held today. The prosecution argued that this was an aggravated rape and Farmer should be sentenced to the maximum time allowable by law. The Honorable Judge Gaul sentenced Farmer to the aggravated term on the rape charge and the remaining counts and allegation brought Farmer's total prison sentence to eleven years and four months. Two of the charges he was sentenced on 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 Dorriss of the Shasta County District Attorney's Office.