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Road Rage Incident Leads to State Prison

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Today, Steven Roy Thomas, of Redding was sentenced by the Honorable Judge Ruggiero to five years state prison. Thomas pled guilty on September 26, 2011 to Assault with Force Likely to Cause Great Bodily Injury and an enhancement for causing Great Bodily Injury.

The charges stemmed from a March 31, 2011 incident where the victim was severely injured after Thomas who was driving a truck slammed on his breaks in front of the victim's motorcycle on eastbound SR-44 at Stillwater Road while they were traveling at approximately 50 miles per hour. As a result, the victim locked up his brakes and tried to move right as the motorcycle went down. The victim suffered multiple rib fractures, a broken wrist, broken left scapula, and numerous abrasions.

The incident started on Eastbound SR-44 and Shasta View Drive where Thomas engaged in aggressive driving directed at the victim. During the incident, Thomas tailgated the victim, swerved at the victim, and swerved into the victim's lane cutting him off. Thomas also was yelling at the victim and making obscene gestures. Other drivers observed and reported Thomas' aggressive driving and saw the collision occur.
