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Man Sentenced to State Prison for High Speed Chase

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Today, Bryan Dwayne Thomas, 48, of Redding was sentenced by the Honorable Judge Ruggiero to 12 years, 4 months state prison. Thomas pled guilty on November 10, 2011 to Evading an Officer with Disregard for Public Safety, Possession for Sale of Methamphetamine, and Possession of a Controlled Substance. Thomas also admitted two narcotic priors and two prison priors.

The charges stemmed from a July 7, 2011 incident where the Shasta Interagency Narcotic Task Force had obtained a search warrant for Thomas and his residence. A Redding Police Officer attempted to stop Thomas while he was driving his vehicle and he fled leading the officers on a more than 13 miles chase running red lights, making unsafe lane changes, forcing other vehicles off the road and reaching speeds of more than 80 miles per hour. Thomas abandoned his vehicle and fled on foot carrying a black bag. Thomas was ultimately located in heavy brush with the assistance of a police K-9.

The bag Thomas had in his possession contained 30 grams of methamphetamine and approximately 1,256 dollars. Further search of Thomas' vehicle and residence led to the seizure of approximately 15 pounds of marijuana, Fentanyl patches, and other evidence of drug sales.

Thomas has an extensive criminal history involving prior possession of controlled substance offenses, possession of controlled substances for sale, evading an officer with disregard for public safety, possession of methamphetamine with a firearm and manufacturing a controlled substance.
