



OFFICE OF THE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
COUNTY OF SHASTA

Stephen S. Carlton
District Attorney

Man Pleads to Participating in Robbery of a Marijuana Collective

May 22, 2012
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Deputy District Attorney:
Craig Omura & Sara Van Slyke
(530)245-6300

On Monday May 21, 2012, in Department 1 of the Shasta County Courthouse, Joshua Don Wright pleaded no contest to participating in the armed robbery of the Trusted Friends marijuana collective that occurred on September 15, 2011. Wright is to receive five years in state prison when he is sentenced before Judge Wilson Curle on June 21, 2012.

Wright, who was 19 years old at the time of the robbery, has since turned 20 years old, entered the collective with another male to rob the collective of marijuana and money. The other male, a juvenile who has also pleaded in this case and awaits sentencing, was armed with a firearm. During the robbery, Wright was on his cellular phone with the lookout, who was sitting in a bank parking lot across the street from the collective. The perpetrators left the store after robbing the three employees of approximately \$300-400 cash and several large jars of marijuana worth over \$4,000, according to the employees. The get-away driver, the gunman, and Wright abandoned the car near the gunman's residence. All three of these perpetrators were teenagers. The lookout is a 31 year old parolee who is dating the getaway driver's mother.

Wright, of Redding, had been previously convicted of unlawful driving of a vehicle and a separate burglary of a different marijuana collective in Redding. He was on probation for those offenses, but the robbery of Trusted Friends had occurred before Wright had been placed on probation by the court.

Robbery is classified as a violent felony. That means this conviction is a "strike" offense. For any future felony conviction, Wright would be presumptively ineligible for probation, and any state prison sentence otherwise available would be doubled.

Additionally, despite the earlier convictions, Wright has not been to state prison before this case. Wright must serve 85% of his sentence, or approximately four years and three months, before being eligible for parole. Despite the state prison sentencing realignment, Wright will actually be serving his time in a California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation facility, not our local County Jail.

This case was investigated by Redding Police Department Investigators Eric Forsberg, Will Williams, and others. District Attorney Deputies Craig Omura and Sara Van Slyke handled the prosecution in court.
