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PAIR SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ROBBERY AND SHOOTING

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Two men involved in a robbery and shooting in South City Park in Redding on June 14, 2012 have been sentenced to state prison for their involvement in the crimes.

On Monday, February 25, 2012, Tristan Almond, 23, and Christopher Hoffman, 26, both of Redding, appeared before the Honorable James Ruggiero and entered pleas admitting their guilt in the robbery and shooting of Ryan Hunt.

Almond pled to second degree robbery and admitted personally discharging a firearm. He was sentenced to 25 years in state prison. Because this crime is considered a violent felony under California law, he will not be eligible for release from prison until he has served at least 85 percent of his sentence.

Hoffman pled to felony assault in connection with the robbery and shooting of Ryan Hunt. He also pled guilty to a felony charge of dissuading a witness and he admitted to use of a firearm in the dissuasion of a witness. This dissuasion of a witness charge was based upon Hoffman's threats made to a witness of the original shooting. Hoffman was sentenced to 8 years in state prison. His crimes are also considered violent felonies and will require him to serve at least 85 percent of his sentence.

The police investigation showed that Almond and Hoffman confronted the victim, Ryan Hunt, in the park and demanded his property. Almond shot Hunt once in the face with a .45 caliber handgun, seriously injuring him. The two defendants then fled the area. Witnesses in the park were able to identify the defendants, and the two were subsequently arrested by Redding Police.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Benjamin Hanna prosecuted the case. The case was investigated by Redding Police Investigator Eric Forsberg with the assistance of other Redding police investigators and officers. Shasta County Victim Assistance Advocate Barbara Dorris assisted the victims throughout the court process.
