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**Drug Dealer Convicted By Jury**

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Today, a Shasta County jury convicted Davon DeHughes, 38, of Redding of multiple drug sales and firearm related felonies in connection with a November 2013 search of his residence by Redding Police. DeHughes was convicted following a four day jury trial before the Honorable William Gallagher.

Evidence introduced at the trial showed that on November 27, 2013, Redding Police investigators and Shasta County probation officers conducted a search of DeHughes' home on Pine Street in Redding. At the time of the search, DeHughes was being supervised on a grant of post-release community supervision under the provisions of AB109.

An officer encountered DeHughes in the residence walking away from a laundry room in the house. After he was detained, the laundry room was searched, and officers found a loaded .22 caliber semiautomatic handgun near a black zippered pouch. Inside this pouch was approximately one ounce of heroin, more than half an ounce of methamphetamine, concentrated cannabis, and prescription hydrocodone pills. As a convicted felon, DeHughes is prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition. Police also recovered DeHughes' cell phone, which contained numerous text messages relating to drug transactions.

During the trial, DeHughes admitted numerous sentencing enhancements related to his prior prison commitments, prior drug convictions, as well as an allegation that he has suffered a prior "strike" offense under California's Three Strikes Law.

DeHughes is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Gallagher in Department 9 of the Superior Court on September 8, 2014 at 1:30 pm. He is facing up to 35 years in state prison as a result of the convictions. Because of the prior strike, he will be required to serve 80 percent of any prison sentence imposed.

The case was investigated by Investigator Levi Solada of the Redding Police Department and prosecuted by Shasta County Senior Deputy District Attorney Benjamin Hanna.