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Oregon Man Sentenced to State Prison for Driving Under the Influence of  
Drugs Causing Injury and Evading an Officer with Disregard for Public  
Safety

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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Today, the Honorable Judge Daniel E. Flynn sentenced George Guy Armitage, III, 46, of Port Orchard, Oregon, to five years and four months in State Prison in exchange for pleas to a felony count of Driving Under the Influence of Drugs Causing Bodily Injury with a Prior Driving Under the Influence Conviction, in violation of Vehicle Code section 23153(e)/23560, and a felony count of Evading an Officer with Disregard for Public Safety, in violation of Vehicle Code section 2800.2. Armitage also admitted an enhancement for having a prior strike conviction, based on a 2002 San Diego County conviction for Corporal Injury of a Spouse, with enhancements for Use of a Weapon and causing Great Bodily Injury.

Armitage was arrested on January 28, 2016 following a pursuit involving California Highway Patrol Officers on Interstate 5 reaching speeds of 115 miles per hour. Armitage exited Interstate 5 at Pine Grove, and subsequently ran numerous stop signs and several red lights, passed vehicles in oncoming lanes over double yellow lines on several occasions, and drove at excessive speeds. Eventually the pursuit was terminated in the interest of public safety as the vehicles sped towards downtown Redding. Shortly thereafter, Armitage rolled his vehicle several times just north of Market Street Bridge at Riverside Drive, and then fled on foot, leaving his female passenger trapped in the vehicle, suffering from numerous injuries.

Armitage was eventually detained about an hour later with assistance from Redding Police Department and their K-9 "Cain". When he was located Armitage failed to comply with officer commands, attempting to flee on foot again, and a Taser was utilized to take him into custody. Armitage was found to be exhibiting symptoms of being

under the influence of a central nervous system stimulant, and admitted to recent use of methamphetamine. His passenger indicated that she had begged him to stop and let her out during the pursuit, but that Armitage refused.

The case was investigated by the California Highway Patrol with assistance from the Redding Police Department and prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Laura Smith from the Shasta County District Attorney's Office.

This case was prosecuted under a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.