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CASE OF INTEREST

Defendant Sentenced for Attempted Murder

DATE: June 2, 2017

CASE: Austin Scott (Case # 16FE006988)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Kimberly Macy, Vehicular Homicide Unit

The Honorable Patrick Marlette sentenced Austin Scott to 15 years and 4 months in prison. On March 6, 2017, a jury convicted Scott of assault upon a peace officer, evading a police officer, felony hit and run causing serious permanent injury, and two counts of vehicle theft. However, the jury was unable to reach a verdict on the charge of attempted murder.

On April 7, 2016, Scott was in Reno and took methamphetamine. He went to his mother's house, took her truck without her permission and drove to Sacramento. For an unknown reason, Scott stopped in the center median of westbound Interstate 80 between Madison Avenue and Greenback Lane. CHP Officer Michael Ericson was on duty and went to do a welfare check on the vehicle. Officer Ericson pulled behind the truck and turned on his lights and siren. Scott then suddenly put the truck in reverse, hitting Officer Ericson's motorcycle and ejecting Ericson. Scott then pulled forward, driving around the overturned motorcycle and running over Ericson's body.

Witnesses followed Scott, who drove into a construction zone near Northgate Boulevard. Scott got a flat tire and abandoned the truck. He got into a running pickup truck at the site and left the scene. A Woodland CHP officer spotted Scott and pursued him. At one point, Scott did a sudden brake check on the officer, causing the officer to swerve to avoid a crash. The pursuit continued to Fairfield where a spike strip deflated Scott's tire and he was taken into custody.

A blood sample was obtained from Scott and showed the presence of methamphetamine.

Scott was awaiting retrial on the attempted murder count and agreed to plea to attempted murder. Scott also waived his rights to appeal any aspect of his case and he received no credit for the time he had already served in custody.