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Esparto Man Convicted of Using his Truck as a Deadly Weapon in Assault

(Woodland, CA) – February 7, 2013 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on January 30, 2013, a Yolo County jury found 39-year-old Joshua Shawn Bracy of Esparto guilty of assault with a deadly weapon.

On the morning of August 29, 2012, the victim was riding his motorcycle along Beamer Street on his way to work in Woodland. Bracy mistakenly believed the motorcycle was stolen from him. Bracy began to chase the victim with his Dodge SUV truck. After being chased at 45 to 50 miles per hour and at a dangerously close distance, the victim finally got to the dirt road leading to his work place and slowed down. Bracy pulled up next to him and began to shout at him angrily. The victim, concerned about Bracy's behavior, tried to leave. Bracy then turned his truck into the victim, knocking him over and injuring his ankle and shoulder.

Bracy then exited his truck, accused the victim of stealing his motorcycle and tried to tackle him. The victim escaped and alerted his coworkers a short distance away. A methamphetamine smoking pipe was found in Bracy's truck and a blood test revealed Bracy had methamphetamine in his system.

Deputy District Attorney Sulaiman Tokhi, prosecuted the case. "This defendant showed a complete disregard for the safety of another motorist. He chose to use his truck as a deadly weapon and the jury held him accountable."

Bracy will be sentenced on March 7, 2013 by the Honorable David Reed who presided over the trial. Judge Reed also found that Bracy had been previously convicted of 10 felonies, including rape, resulting in 4 prior prison commitments. Bracy faces up to 16 years in state prison.

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