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MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR CRIME SPREE IN WOODLAND

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Today, the Honorable Timothy L. Fall sentenced Timothy Doughty, 45, to nine years and four months in prison for a crime spree that included a home invasion robbery and the robbery of Emil's Shoe store in Woodland on January 10, 2008.

Doughty, originally from Napa, violently robbed a disabled man in his home in Woodland at approximately 1:45 p.m. on January 10th. The victim, a friend of Doughty's, depended on crutches for mobility and appeared in court at sentencing in a wheelchair. The victim addressed the court at sentencing and told the court that the attack, during which he was tied and bound and threatened with claw hammers by Doughty, had brought back his PTSD symptoms from when he was a soldier in Vietnam. Doughty stole the victim's ATM card and other personal effects and took off in the victim's truck. The victim was unable to free himself from the bindings for approximately four hours after the attack.

At 2:30 p.m. the same day, Doughty drove the victim's truck to Emil's Shoe store. There, he came up behind the elderly store owner who was seated at his work bench and grabbed him around the neck. While Doughty was grabbing and choking the victim, the victim reported Doughty was growling "like a God damn animal." Doughty pulled the keys to the victim's other store out of the victim's shirt pocket. When the victim told Doughty he was going to call the police, Doughty ripped the phone out of the wall. The victim's son ultimately was able to confront Doughty and persuade him to leave. Doughty took off in the stolen truck and was caught hours later intoxicated in a bar in Napa.

Judge Fall sentenced Doughty to the upper term citing his prior record as well as other aggravating factors. The case was investigated by Officers Jack Shubert and Richard Towle from Woodland Police Department. Deputy Mark Horvath of the Napa County Sheriff's Department arrested Doughty in Napa. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Paredes who works in the Elder and Dependant Adult Protection Unit. For questions, please contact Chief Deputy District Attorney, Ann Hurd (530) 666-8180.