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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Chad Vernon Pearson
Felony Evading

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Chad Vernon Pearson, age 33, of Turlock, was convicted of felony evading and sentenced to state prison. Deputy District Attorney Barry Shapiro prosecuted the case for the People.

On March 21, 2018, at approximately 10:22 P.M., Pearson was seen in Modesto driving a blue Hyundai that was suspected to have been stolen. Modesto Police Officer Torres responded to the area and attempted to stop Pearson by activating his patrol vehicle's emergency lights and siren. Pearson refused to stop and led police on a nearly mile-long vehicle pursuit through four stop signs at speeds of up to 70 miles-per-hour in wet and rainy conditions. Although he escaped arrest, Pearson later identified, caught and charged with felony evading the police. At the time, Pearson was already on felony probation in Stanislaus County for a 2017 auto theft conviction.

On June 29, 2018, a Stanislaus County Superior Court jury convicted Pearson after a two-day jury trial. Judge Shawn Bessey sentenced Pearson to serve two years in state prison the following day.

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