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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Sean Michael Bachman
Felony convictions and prison sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Sean Michael Bachman, age 34, of Manteca, has been convicted of multiple felonies and sentenced to state prison. Deputy District Attorney Patrick Hogan prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On October 21, 2017, Bachman was stopped by members of the Modesto Police Department Street Gang Unit. Bachman, a convicted felon, admitted that he had a loaded handgun concealed in his waistband. He was arrested for multiple charges including felon in possession of a firearm. He subsequently failed to show up to court and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

On May 4, 2018, the Modesto Police Department Street Gang Unit caught Bachman driving a stolen Chevrolet Cobalt. Bachman fled from the police at speeds over 100 miles per hour through stop signs and red lights and even swerved into oncoming traffic. He crashed when he tried to drive over train tracks on Yosemite Boulevard. He was arrested and charged in several cases including a felony evading charge from Ceres police that occurred only the day before.

Bachman's criminal history included felony convictions for vehicle theft, possessing illegal weapons, felony evading police and a 2002 robbery conviction which is a violent "strike" under California's "Three Strikes" law. Bachman had previously been sentenced to state prison four times, most recently in 2016 following a felony conviction in Stanislaus County for grand theft. He also is a known affiliate of local criminal street gangs.

On November 28, 2018, as part of a plea agreement, Bachman pled no contest to charges of vehicle theft, evading police, felon in possession of a firearm, committing a new felony while out on bail for a previous felony charge and admitted having a prior robbery conviction.

After taking the plea, Judge Thomas Zeff sentenced Bachman to serve a total of 10 years and 8 months in state prison. Under current law, he should be required to serve at least 80% of his sentence in actual prison custody.

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