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Coen Sentenced to Twenty-One Years for July 2, 2010 Shooting

On Monday, April 18, 2011, Michael Coen was sentenced to twenty-one years in State Prison by the Honorable Judge W. Bruce Watson after pleading no contest on February 14, 2011 to assault with a deadly weapon using a firearm and causing great bodily injury. Twenty-one years is the maximum term allowed by law and due to the violent nature of the offense, Coen will be required to serve at least 85 percent of his sentence before he is eligible for parole.

“The citizens of Humboldt County can feel a little safer after Judge Watson’s sentence today,” observed prosecuting District Attorney Arnie Klein.

“Successful prosecutions and just sentences like this go far in keeping violent offenders off our streets,” added Humboldt County District Attorney Paul Gallegos.

On July 2, 2010, Coen entered a double-wide mobile home on the 3400 block of Hillras Way in Fortuna, shot Christopher Shane Cooper once in the chest, and fled the area. After a coordinated, multi-law enforcement agency manhunt, Coen was successfully apprehended.

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