



PRESS RELEASE

Co-Defendants in Vehicle Burglary spree accept Prison Sentences

Nathan Bartlett and Rebecca Hamline, arrested in January and ultimately charged with robbery, conspiracy, and nine counts of vehicle burglary, have accepted plea agreements and will be sentenced to state prison.

Hamline pleaded guilty on March 21, 2008, and was convicted for nine counts of vehicle burglary. She will serve nine years in prison for those offenses with an additional one year enhancement for a prior prison term.

Bartlett pleaded guilty on March 6, 2008, and was convicted for one count of grand theft and three counts of vehicle burglary. He will serve five years in prison for those offenses. Like Hamline, an additional one year enhancement for a prior prison term will be added to his sentence. Bartlett will likely serve his sentence in the California Rehabilitation Center due to his drug addictions.

The investigation was initially spearheaded by Bureau of Land Management Ranger Jeff Knisley, due to numerous vehicle burglaries at the Elk River Trailhead. As the intensity of the investigation increased, Knisley sought assistance from Investigators with the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office.

Deputy District Attorney Allan Dollison, who prosecuted the case, praised the collaborative investigative efforts that led to the apprehension and convictions of Bartlett and Hamline. "This case is a fine example of the quality investigations that our Investigators tackle on a daily basis. I firmly believe that the overwhelming evidence against the co-defendants, uncovered by our investigators, resulted in their admissions of guilt and resulted in their lengthy terms in state prison". "With that being said, if not for the initial investigation by Ranger Knisley and his continued involvement as the case progressed, we would not have realized the same result.

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