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Bradlee Sanders, 24, of Eureka entered guilty pleas today before Judge Timothy P. Cissna in Humboldt Superior Court.

The pleas were to two felony counts of resisting a law enforcement officer and two counts of driving on a suspended driver's license. He also admitted two violations of misdemeanor probation. He was on probation for misdemeanor receiving stolen property and disturbing the peace when the current offenses occurred.

The decision about whether Sanders will receive felony probation or be sentenced to prison will be made by Judge Cissna when Sanders again appears for sentencing on March 7. If Sanders is sentenced to prison, then--in a disposition negotiated between defense attorney Tim Gray and Deputy D.A. Ben McLaughlin-- it will be a stipulated 16 month term. If Sanders receives probation, that could include a sentence of up to one year in the county jail.

Dismissed were charges of assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer and reckless driving.

The offenses arose from an encounter with Eureka Police Officers at the drive-thru at Wendy's restaurant on July 23, 2010. The officers attempted to detain Sanders as a suspect in a previous incident in which he fled from an officer in the same vehicle.

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