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Re: People v. Americo Mendoza

On December 3, 2020, in Department 11 of the Solano County Superior Court, before the Honorable Judge William J. Pendergast III, the jury found Defendant Americo Mendoza Guilty of Evading a Peace Officer in violation of Vehicle Code Section 2800.2(a).



On August 29, 2020, Vacaville Police Officers Chris Hill and Daniel Baxley were dispatched to a reckless driving incident in Vacaville. The vehicle involved was described as a black RAV-4. Once the officers arrived on scene, they found the RAV-4. The officers attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the RAV-4, which consisted of activating their overhead lights and emergency sirens. However, the driver of the RAV-4 refused to yield and led the officers on a thirty-three-mile pursuit ending in American Canyon. During the pursuit, the driver of the RAV-4 drove recklessly, blowing through numerous stop signs and speeding over one hundred miles per hour. Napa Police Department assisted with traffic enforcement and ultimately the driver of the RAV-4 was apprehended and identified as Americo Mendoza. A small child was also located in the rear seat of the RAV-4 and fortunately was unharmed.

Defendant remains in custody and is scheduled to be sentenced on January 4, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 11 of the Solano County Superior Court.

Officer Chris Hill and Daniel Baxley of the Vacaville Police Department investigated the case. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Sun Seo.