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Newhall Man Found Guilty of Ramming Sheriff's Patrol Car

A 31-year-old man was found guilty today of assaulting a deputy as he rammed a stolen pickup truck into a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department patrol car, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

A jury found Jesse Alan Tucker of Newhall guilty of one felony count each of assault upon a peace officer, resisting executive officer and fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle while driving recklessly.

Sentencing is scheduled on June 28 in Department I of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, San Fernando Branch. The defendant faces 10 years and eight months in state prison.

Tucker also was found guilty of two felony counts of driving or taking a vehicle without consent after a prior conviction and one misdemeanor count of vandalism under \$400 damage, according to Deputy District Attorney Ryan Tracy, who tried the six-day long case.

According to evidence presented at trial, Tucker stole a Ford F-150 truck on Feb. 2, 2015. When pursued by police, Tucker rammed the pickup truck into a deputy's patrol car, the prosecutor said.

A few days before the incident, on January 28, 2015, Tucker evaded two deputy sheriffs as he drove recklessly through William S. Hart Park, causing property damage, the prosecutor added.

Case PA082930 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Santa Clarita Station.

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