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Man Sentenced to 5 Years Probation for Evading Arrest

GALVESTON – On Wednesday, Randy Randall Rogers, 32, was found guilty of evading arrest with a motor vehicle and sentenced to five year probation.

On Monday, May 23, 2016 the jury trial for Rogers began. During the course of the two day trial, the State presented witness testimony and other evidence describing detailing Rogers' actions when he evaded officers' attempts to stop him.

On November 30, 2014, Rogers, driving a motorcycle, ran a stop light on Broadway in Galveston. A DPS Trooper initiated a traffic stop which quickly turned into a pursuit as Rogers refused to stop. After crossing the Causeway another motorcycle cut into the path, causing the Trooper to pursue both motorcycles. Around FM 517 in the Dickinson area a Galveston Sheriff's Deputy began pursuing Rogers. The nearly 50 mile pursuit of Rogers ended in downtown Houston when Rogers ran into a ditch. Rogers was taken into custody and transported back to Galveston. During the pursuit Rogers was determined to have been going over 100 mph, reaching 130 mph at times.

The jury deliberated for about 2 hours before returning a guilty verdict shortly before 2:00 p.m. yesterday afternoon. During the punishment phase, the State argued to the jury that they shouldn't forget about the seriousness of Rogers' actions. ADA Charlotte Kim described Rogers' driving as reckless and a danger not only to himself but to officers and the community. She urged the jury to make his punishment substantial to send Rogers a message.

Rogers had no prior felony convictions and faced a punishment range of two to ten years. The jury deliberated punishment for about 30 minutes before returning with its punishment verdict. The jury set Roger's punishment at 5 years in prison with a recommendation for probation and assessed a \$5,000 fine. The court suspended the 5 year prison sentence and sentenced Rogers to 5 years probation and required Rogers to serve 45 days in the county jail as a condition of probation.

Rogers was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Charlotte Kim and Paul Love in the 212th District Court, with Judge Patricia Grady presiding. The investigation was conducted by the Galveston County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety, and Houston Police Department.

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