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LOWE SENTENCED TO 16 YEARS

District Attorney Jeffrey S. Rosell announced today that Jessica May Lowe of Ben Lomond was sentenced to 16 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for multiple felony convictions including assault with a deadly weapon upon two Santa Cruz County Sheriff Deputies.

On May 18, 2018, at approximately 3:30a.m. Lowe was one of two individuals contacted by Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Deputies. Initially, Lowe was taken into custody during an investigation of stolen property. She was able to slip out of her handcuffs, get behind the wheel of the Sheriff's patrol car, and intentionally drive onto a Deputy Sheriff and another individual. Lowe struck one Deputy with the stolen patrol car causing the other Deputy to respond by shooting Lowe three times in the chest. Despite being shot, Lowe continued her attempt to strike both Deputies with the stolen police vehicle. After several minutes and while other units responded Lowe surrendered.

Emergency medical personnel were able to treat both Lowe and the injured Deputy Sheriff with assistance from Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Deputies, Santa Cruz Police Officers, and California Highway Patrol Officers.

The incident was captured on the Deputies' body worn cameras. The footage reveals the dark, chaotic, and dangerous scene encountered by both deputies. It also exhibits the bravery of one deputy racing to save his partner's life.

"This case is an example of the dangers our law enforcement officers face while on duty. I am proud of the response from the multiple local law enforcement agencies in coming to aid their fellow officers. We are pleased with the outcome which brings justice and safety to our community," said District Attorney Jeff Rosell.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Alex Byers