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Man Sentenced to 24 Years for Residential Burglary and Evading Police

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Donald Shane Smith, age 48, has been sentenced to serve 24 years and 4 months in prison for breaking into a Salinas residence and taking Marina Police on a high-speed chase that ended in Smith's car crashing into a power pole.

On September 27, 2016, around 11 a.m., the victim arrived home to discover an unfamiliar white Cadillac parked in her driveway. Within moments, Smith ran out of her front door, entered the Cadillac, and sped off. The victim quickly discovered that her front window had been broken and her home had been burglarized. Among the items taken from the victim's home was an iPad that had a tracking application activated. By using the iPad application, officers were able to track the stolen iPad to Marina, where they found the white Cadillac that the victim had described.

When officers attempted to stop Smith's car, he refused to pull over and, instead, led officers on a high-speed chase that ended in Smith's car careening into a power pole with such force that it was knocked down, resulting in a mass power outage in Marina. Shortly after his crash, Smith was taken into custody and the items stolen from the victim's home were recovered from his car.

As part of his plea, Smith admitted prior convictions for residential burglary and robbery, resulting in a substantial enhancement of his sentence.

Today, the Honorable Pamela L. Butler sentenced Smith to serve 24 years and 4 months in the California Department of Corrections.

This case was investigated by Monterey County Sheriff's Deputy Michael Smith and Marina Police Officer Pablo Andrade.