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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Jail Escapee Sentenced to 48 Years in State Prison**

An Oroville man who escaped from the Butte County Jail last August was sentenced today for that escape and multiple other underlying felony counts to a total of 48 years in state prison.

**Miles Michael Kenneth Bondley**, 34, was in Butte County Superior Court today following his earlier no-contest pleas on October 19, 2022, to one count of residential burglary, two counts of vandalism, four counts of domestic violence, two counts of dissuading a witness, one count of criminal threat, a restraining order violation, and the escape. As part of the plea, Bondley had also admitted he suffered a prior “strike” conviction in 2016 for threatening his mother, and striking and cutting his step-father with a glass container.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Bondley was in jail before his escape on charges stemming from a May 20, 2021 report of Bondley threatening to burn a former girlfriend’s trailer. When officers arrived at the trailer, Bondley was not present. However, officers found damage to the trailer and they could smell an odor of gasoline emitting from it.

Later that year in the early morning hours of October 21, 2021, officers were dispatched to another residence belonging to another former girlfriend of Bondley’s. This victim stated Bondley had entered her home in violation of an active restraining order protecting her from Bondley. At one point, Bondley drove a vehicle at this victim and a neighbor, who arrived to assist, stopping the vehicle just a few feet from where they stood. Bondley was located a couple of hours later and arrested. Officers learned from the last victim that on October 16, 2021, and on October 18, 2021, Bondley had previously battered and threatened to kill her.

On October 25, 2021, the district attorney filed charges against Bondley and bail was set in the amount of \$1,057,500. While Bondley remained in custody in the jail, investigators determined Bondley attempted to discourage witnesses from cooperating with law enforcement on his pending cases. The district attorney added two counts of dissuading a witness by force or threat.

On August 31, 2022, while in custody on his pending charges, Bondley escaped from the custody of the Butte County Jail. At approximately 5:20 p.m., Bondley was escorted to a secured yard for solitary “yard time.” At approximately 6:10 p.m., a correctional deputy discovered Bondley was no longer in the yard. The correctional deputy noted a bed sheet was tied to the handrailing and extended to the metal roof where there was visible damage allowing for an escape.

Bondley remained at large until his capture on September 7, 2022. On that date, Butte County patrol deputies spotted him staying at a transient encampment on Lower Wyandotte Road in Oroville.

As part of Bondley's plea, he waived all his jail credits up to the time of sentencing which amounted to 385 days.

