

But the driver also spotted the sheriff's sergeant, prompting him to bail out of the vehicle and run away, police said. But he failed to put the car into park.

The car rolled on Anna Road and crashed into a fence outside a home, police said. Officers arrested Cross a few blocks away on Spring Gulch Road, police said, adding that he admitted to stealing the vehicle because he was tired of walking.

## **Man accused in tree cutting pleads not guilty**

A Redding man pleaded not guilty during his Monday arraignment in Shasta County

Superior Court to charges he illegally cut down 29 trees along the Sacramento River Trail.

Glenn Julian Paulk Sr. is due back in court Sept. 19 for a settlement conference. The Shasta County District Attorney's Office charged Paulk last month with cutting down the trees on city of Redding property in April.

Paulk, who lives on Lake Redding Drive, is charged with three misdemeanors — cutting down trees without a permit, vandalism in excess of \$400, and trespass and destruction of standing timber.

It has been estimated the cost of labor and materials for the city to replace the trees is \$50,852.

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# Man pleads no contest in cutting down trees

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Redding defense attorney John Kucera said Glenn Julian Paulk Sr., pleaded no contest to cutting down trees without a permit, a misdemeanor, and was placed on informal probation for three years. He was also ordered to perform 24 hours of community service and to pay the standard fees and fines.

The amount of restitution Paulk could be ordered to pay has not yet been decided, but park officials have said the estimated the cost of labor and materials for

the city to replace the trees is \$50,852.

The trees were cut down a year ago on the north side of the Sacramento River Trail about a quarter-mile west of the Diestelhorst Bridge.

The Shasta County District Attorney's Office filed misdemeanor charges against Paulk in July after the downed trees were discovered in April 2016.

Kucera said Friday Paulk removed the trees because the homeless had been starting fires nearby and he wanted to create defensible space around his property.

"He was trying to try to clear it to make defensible space, which we are supposed to do," he said.

According to a city report, 17 live oaks, six willows, two Oregon ash, two gray pine, a red bud and valley oak were cut down.



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