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RE: Joseph Marsh Sentenced to 500 Hours Community Service, Probation

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On Wednesday, October 05, 2011, the Honorable Judge Christopher Wilson sentenced Joseph Marsh, 40, of Eureka, to 500 hours of community service and four years probation. He was also assessed full court fines in the amount of \$1,593. Restitution was reserved and will likely be determined by a civil court process.

This case stemmed from a July 4, 2010 incident when Marsh, who was off-duty as a sheriff's deputy at the time, enlisted the help of a friend's 10-year-old daughter to hold and light a firework. The firework exploded, injuring both Marsh and the girl.

On September 7, 2011, Marsh pleaded no contest to misdemeanor child endangerment. The sentencing was held over so that the victim's mother could be present to make a statement to the court.