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ARREST OF ARMED COMBATANT *M315*

On Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at approximately 2:50 a.m., officers Widenmann and Harvey of the Redding Police Department responded to an apartment complex at 1050 Continental Street, Redding in regards to a report of a disturbance. Upon arrival they met with a subject in front of the complex who was later identified as James Wayne Omans, 41 years of Redding. This subject, who displayed obvious signs of intoxication, was determined to have been responsible for the disturbance being investigated.

Upon contact, Omans became physically resistive and then violently combative with the officers. During this time he was found to be in possession of a loaded 9mm handgun he had concealed in his waistband.

With the assistance of several other officers, Omans was subdued and taken into custody. He was then transported to the Shasta Regional Medical Center for treatment of injuries he sustained during the altercation. Officer Harvey also sustained injuries and was treated and released from Shasta Regional Medical Center.

Omans was subsequently arrested for charges to include threats and assault upon a peace officer, being in possession of a loaded and concealed firearm, and for a violation of probation.

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