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On March 28, 2009 at 11:32 PM, Redding Police officers responded to the Best Western Hilltop Inn at 2300 Hilltop Drive on a report of a drowning. Upon arrival, officers found an adult male lying on the deck next to the hotel pool. Two hotel guests were administering CPR. Officers assisted until fire and medical personnel arrived and took over. The victim was unable to be revived and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The victim is identified as Jamar Garner, 36 years, of Klamath Falls Oregon.

The investigation revealed that Garner had been swimming in the shallow end of the hotel pool with his three young children. Garner, who did not know how to swim, slipped into the deep end of the pool and could not get out. A family member and another hotel guest pulled him out of the pool and began CPR until police and medical personnel arrived.

Alcohol may have been a factor in this accidental drowning.

The Shasta County Coroner's Office is continuing the investigation.

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