

# CITY OF REDDING



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On 06-08-09, Monday, at 11:38 p.m. the Redding Police Department was contacted by a family member reporting James Henry Arends, 62 years of Redding, as a missing person in the area of River Bend Road and Hilltop Drive. Members of the Redding Police Department met with the wife of James Arends in the area.

On 06-08-09 at approximately 8:30 p.m. James Arends went on a bicycle ride in the area of River Bend Road. At 10:30 p.m. it was discovered James Arends had not returned home and the family became concerned. An initial search of the area by the Redding Police Department was made. James Arends bicycle was located on a vacant lot on River Bend Road. Officers approached the cliffs, overlooking the Sacramento River, and found James Arends along the east river bank of the Sacramento River.

The California Highway Patrol helicopter, Redding Fire Department, AMR ambulance, and the Shasta County Sheriff's Office boating safety unit were dispatched to the area to assist with the rescue.

James Arends had been in a undeveloped area on the cliffs overlooking the Sacramento River and Sundial Bridge. He lost his footing on the uneven ground and fell approximately two-hundred fifty feet to the rivers edge. James Arends suffered a broken leg and lacerations. James Arends was transported by the Sheriff's Office boat to the Posse grounds, and was then transported by ambulance to Mercy Hospital for treatment.

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