



## CITY OF REDDING

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**CASE # 09-43769**  
**July 8, 2009**  
**INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION**  
**CHILD ABDUCTION**

On Saturday, July 4, 2009, at approximately 8:00 p.m., Redding police received the report of a child abduction that occurred at the Redding Convention Center during Freedom Fest. The two year old child victim was reportedly abducted by an unknown male. The abduction was reported by the foster mother who has temporary custody of the child.

The two year old victim was sitting in an umbrella type stroller when the unknown male suspect walked up and began pushing the stroller from the area. The victim and stroller containing the child were located a short distance away near the portable restrooms. A witness reported the white male suspect pushed the stroller away when the foster mom went inside a tent momentarily to retrieve some water. As the suspect was pushing the child away, he saw that he was being watched by bystanders and abandoned the child and fled the area.

The initial investigation centered around friends and family of the victim's biological family as well as any acquaintances that could have matched the description given of the suspect. No suspect has been identified at this time. It now appears the suspect may have been a stranger.

The suspect is described as a white male approximately 40 years of age. Witnesses described him as being approximately 5'10" to 6 feet tall and weighing approximately 190 pounds. He has brownish/grey hair that is feathered just over his ears. He was described as having a "five o'clock shadow" but mostly clean cut. He was last seen wearing a yellow tank top, tan shorts, and black sandals.

A composite drawing is included depicting the suspect. The suspect composite drawing may be viewed on the Redding Police Department home internet web page at [www.reddingpolice.org](http://www.reddingpolice.org).

Anyone who witnessed this incident or who recognizes the suspect is asked to contact Redding Police Investigations at 225-4214. Shasta County Secret Witness is offering up to \$5,000.00 as a reward for information that leads to the arrest of the suspect. Their phone number is 243-2319.

Contact: Investigator Matt Stroker  
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