

PRESS RELEASE

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

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Case Number 09-44885

The Redding Police Department was informed late Friday afternoon, July 17, 2009, by the Butte County Juvenile Detention Facility that they had detained a 15 year-old female suspected of participating in the cat arson case here in Redding. She had been detained in Butte County in an unrelated assault case.

Redding Police Department, working together with the Shasta County Juvenile Detention staff, arranged to transport the female juvenile to Redding where she was booked into the Shasta County Juvenile Detention Center for one count each of arson, animal cruelty, and conspiracy. A total of four juveniles have been booked on various felony charges in regards to this case. A fifth juvenile, a 16 year-old female from Chico, fled to an unknown address. Attempts are being made to locate her at this time.

The case remains under investigation.

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