



# CITY OF REDDING

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## PRESS RELEASE

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On 08/18/2009 at 7:00 pm, officers from the Redding Police Department were assigned to provide security for the Health Care Town Hall meeting held by Congressman Wally Herger at Simpson University. Officers from the California Highway Patrol assisted the Redding Police Department. The meeting was well attended by approximately 1400-1500 people. The meeting lasted about two hours.

At approximately 8:02 pm, an attendee, Marisa Hewitt, 50 years old of Redding, became upset by statements made Congressman Herger. She began yelling expletives toward the Congressman as she exited the building. This foul language created a disturbance that temporarily halted the meeting. As Hewitt approached the exit, another citizen in attendance, Robert Rapp, 64 years old of Redding, stood up as Hewitt passed by.

Rapp indicated he asked Hewitt to stop interrupting the meeting and an altercation broke out between the two. Rapp stated Hewitt scratched him leaving cuts on his face and arm that were bleeding. Hewitt stated Rapp had grabbed her by the shoulders causing her to fear for her safety.

Rapp indicated he would seek his own medical care.

Many witnesses were identified and numerous statements were taken. Based on witness statements and evidence, Hewitt was cited for battery and released from the scene with the agreement that she leave and not return for the evening.

The case will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for review.

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