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On Thursday, September 10, 2009, at 8:15 a.m., officers from the Redding Police Department were dispatched to the report of a suspicious person in the area of Coronado St. and Santa Fe St., Redding.

Upon arrival in the neighborhood, officers contacted Matthew John Earhart, 26 years of Davis, California. Earhart provided false information to the officers in regards to his identity and attempted to flee. After a short foot pursuit and a violent struggle, Earhart was taken into custody. At one point, Earhart gained possession of a police baton that had fallen to the ground during the struggle and attempted to use it against the officers. Faced with possibly having to use lethal force on the subject, officers instead utilized a lesser use of force and managed to disarm Earhart, taking him into custody.

Upon further investigation, it was determined that Earhart had failed to register as a sex offender as a result of a prior conviction in the state of Oklahoma.

Once he was placed into a Redding Police car, Earhart kicked a window out of the vehicle.

Earhart was transported to the Shasta County jail where he was booked for resisting arrest, vandalism, threatening a police officer, and failure to register.

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