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P R E S S R E L E A S E

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On Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at approximately 2:39 PM, officers of the Redding Police Department were dispatched to the report of a suicidal subject at 1118 Continental Street.

While enroute, the officers were advised that the suicidal subject, later identified as Geoffrey Scott Kelly, 52 years of age, from Redding, California, had stabbed himself with a knife. Officers were also advised that Kelly was also in possession of a hammer that he had used to hit the knife into his chest area.

As the officers continued to respond to the area, they were advised that Scott had left his residence and was walking to a nearby cemetery.

Officers responded to the Redding Cemetery near the McDonald's Chapel, and contacted Kelly, who was in possession of a knife and hammer. Kelly did not comply with officer's commands and was uncooperative. Kelly, at one point put the knife down on the ground but continued to not comply with officer's commands.

Kelly also at one point began to approach the officers with the hammer in a raised position. A taser was deployed on Kelly and officers were still unsuccessful in apprehending him. It was a short time later that officers were able to talk Kelly into dropping the hammer on the ground that he was threatening officers with. Kelly was then taken into custody and transported to Mercy Medical Center due to his self inflicted wounds. At the time of this press release Kelly was in the intensive care unit at Mercy Medical Center.

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