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PRESS RELEASE

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Case #10-57854

On August 31, 2010 at 4:23 PM, Officers Zufall and Smetak from the Redding Police Department responded to a report of a male subject creating a disturbance at Motel 6, 2385 Bechelli Lane.

Upon arrival, officers contacted motel employees who directed them to a motel room where a male subject was creating a disturbance. Officers responded to the motel room and located a male subject standing near an open motel room doorway. The male subject was later identified as Christopher Kevin Laird, 49 years of Missouri. Laird was holding an unknown object in his right hand and refused to drop the object. Laird concealed the object behind him and failed to comply with the officers' orders to drop the object. Officers deployed a taser and Laird was safely taken into custody. It was determined he was holding a 3 to 4 inch fixed blade knife. Laird later admitted to the officers that he had a plan to kill them if they entered his room.

Due to the deployment of the taser, a potential deadly situation was prevented. Laird was taken to Shasta Regional Medical Center for evaluation.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "B. Barner", is located to the right of the contact information.