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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### Graffiti Eradication Program

In recent months, our community has seen an increase in gang-related criminal activity, including two recent shootings. Redding Police officers and other local agencies worked together to investigate these shooting incidents. All suspects have been identified and three of the four main players have been arrested.

As part of our zero tolerance toward gang activity, we continue to actively monitor graffiti markings, or “tagging.” Not all graffiti is gang-related; however, it is frequently used by gang members for a variety of reason, especially as a means to mark a territory.

The Graffiti Eradication Program has been a successful collaboration between local businesses, non-profit organizations, and law enforcement agencies for several years. The goal of this program is to eradicate these markings, which are unsightly and a blight in our community, as quickly as possible.

The process we follow here at the Redding Police Department is to log all graffiti and schedule it for eradication. All graffiti relating to gang activity is logged and photographed, which is then tracked by our Gang Unit. But the most important step in this whole process asking for help from the public to report graffiti.

We ask that anyone who sees any marking or graffiti to report it to:

**The Graffiti Eradication Hotline**  
**245-6211**

Working together with our community will make a difference.