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**PRESS RELEASE**

**SHASTA HIGH SCHOOL CASE LEADS  
TO CRIMINAL CHARGES**

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This week charges were filed against Ty Wallace, 24 of Redding. He has been charged with violating California Penal Code sections 261.5(d) (Unlawful intercourse with a person under 16), 261.5 (c) (Unlawful intercourse with a person under 18), 288a (b)(2) (Oral copulation with a person under 16), and 288a(b)(1) (Oral copulation with a person under 18).

The charges stem from Wallace's relationship with a 15 year old Redding girl. The relationship came to light while the Redding Police Department was investigating the distribution of child pornography by cell phone on the Shasta High School campus. The incident at Shasta High School also highlighted the strict laws related to the distribution of child pornography even by cell phone. Under the law the transfer of an image of child pornography (sexually explicit photos of any person under the age of 18) is a felony even if that transfer is done innocently. Keeping the image once you know it is there is also a felony.

This case is being prosecuted by the Shasta County District Attorney's Office. For questions please contact District Attorney Jerry Benito at 245-6310.