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REDDING MAN FACING 10 YEARS IN PRISON FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

A 28 year-old Redding man was convicted today by a Shasta County jury of a felony charge of causing corporal injury to a co-habitant. Paren Patel was found guilty after a two-day jury trial in Superior Court.

Patel, who was on parole at the time of the offense, was convicted of battering his 30 year-old live-in girlfriend at their Pine Street motel room in downtown Redding on the evening of January 1. Evidence at the trial showed that, during the assault, an unidentified occupant in the next room heard the assault taking place and kicked-in an adjoining door to stop the attack. A telephone in the room was also damaged when the victim tried to call for help. The victim suffered multiple injuries, including multiple swollen bumps on her head and face, as well as swelling and bruising on her torso and limbs. Redding Police officer Boupon Kongkeoviman learned of the crime the following afternoon, when he was called to the motel in response to a dispute about damage to the door and telephone.

Patel has prior felony convictions for robbery in 2001 and possession of a controlled substance in 2005 and served prior prison sentences for both offenses. Based on the new conviction and his prior record, he faces up to 10 years in prison at sentencing on October 10 before the Honorable Judge Richard McEachen.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Brian Popkes. The victim was assisted by Deborah McKinnon of the Shasta County District Attorney Victim Assistance Unit.