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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**REDDING MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON FOR  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

A 28 year-old Redding man was sentenced today by a Shasta County Court to 10 years in prison for a felony charge of causing corporal injury to a co-habitant. Paren Patel was found guilty in August after a two-day jury trial in Superior Court before the Honorable Judge Richard McEachen.

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 Boun 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

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Brian Popkes. Victim advocate Deborah McKinnon assisted in the prosecution of this case.