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**REDDING MAN FACING 12 YEARS IN PRISON FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND DRUG
OFFENSES**

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A 54 year-old Redding man was convicted today by a Shasta County jury of a two felony and two misdemeanor charges arising out of a domestic violence incident which occurred October 1 in the city of Redding. Terry Lee Washington was found guilty of causing corporal injury to a co-habitant and assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury, both felonies. The jury also convicted Washington of exhibiting a deadly weapon and being under the influence of methamphetamine as misdemeanors. The four-day jury trial in Superior Court was heard by Judge Stephen Baker, who will also pronounce sentence on January 30, 2009.

The case arose out of a 911 call during the morning of October 1, in which Washington's live-in girlfriend reported the defendant had come home high on methamphetamine and had dragged her out of bed by her hair while holding a knife. Redding police arrived to find the defendant was exhibiting severe symptoms of methamphetamine intoxication. The victim had a visible injury on her arm as a result of the assault and officers collected a steak knife identified as the weapon brandished by the defendant. The defendant had to be medically cleared at Shasta Regional Medical Center prior to booking because officers were concerned that he may be overdosing. An emergency room physician testified that the defendant's toxicology screening revealed the presence of methamphetamine, benzodiazepines and opiates in his blood.

Washington has eight prior felony convictions for drug related offenses, including possession, transportation and sales of drugs, and has served three prior prison terms. At the time of the offenses, he was on both parole as well as felony probation for prior convictions

Based on the new convictions and his prior record, he faces up to 12 years in prison at sentencing before the Honorable Judge Stephen Baker

The case is being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Brian Popkes and was investigated by Redding Police officers James Cumming, and Ron Icely, and DA investigator Mike Wallace.