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Jury Returns Verdicts in Six Co-Defendant Case

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Redding, CA – On Tuesday, May 3, 2011, Matthew Stuart Hall, 30, of Redding, was found guilty by jury of Battery Upon a Peace Officer and Resisting, Delaying, and Obstructing an Officer. Additionally, Jason Benjamin Matthews, 37, and Sara Constance Matthews, 34, each of Redding, were found guilty by jury of Resisting, Delaying, and Obstructing an Officer.

Aaron Howard Matthews, Jr., 40, and Alaina Faith Conyers, 31, were each acquitted by the jury of the charge of Resisting, Delaying, and Obstructing an Officer. On Wednesday, May 4, 2011, the jury declared they were deadlocked and unable to reach a verdict as to Dyrese Daniellyn Hayden, 24, on an identical count.

The charges stem out of an incident, which occurred on the corner of California and Placer Streets in downtown Redding at 1:40 a.m., on Sunday, December 12, 2010, as at least two busy local bars were closing for the evening. At that time, a Redding Police Officer was flagged down at the intersection to investigate a two-vehicle traffic collision that had occurred. That officer determined that the driver who caused the collision was driving under the influence of alcohol.

During the investigation, as field sobriety tests were being administered, Jason Matthews stepped between the investigating officer and the female performing field sobriety tests, interfering with the investigation. When the officer questioned Jason Matthews regarding his interference, Matthew Hall returned to the area and also began interfering with the investigation. Matthew Hall was ordered to leave the area numerous times by a second officer, but he refused to comply with those orders. When the officer attempted to place Matthew Hall under arrest for interfering and failing to obey lawful orders to leave the scene of the investigation, Hall resisted. Hall punched that officer in the chest, nearly

causing him to fall backwards through a storefront window, and then tackled a second officer by grabbing him around the waist in the area of his duty belt, where he carries his department issued firearm. Hall was also kicking and spitting at the officers, and yelling numerous obscenities at both the officers and civilians in the area. Hall was eventually subdued with baton strikes and taken into custody.

Jason Matthews attempted to intervene in the arrest of Matthew Hall and refused to back away from where the officers were struggling with Hall, despite numerous orders to do so. Jason Matthews was pepper sprayed and eventually taken into custody. Aaron Matthews, Dyrese Hayden, Sara Matthews, and Alainna Conyers each approached the area despite officers' commands for everyone to stay back away from the scene. Aaron Matthews attempted to pull Jason Matthews away from the area as officers were trying to arrest him. An officer deployed a taser at Aaron Matthews and he was taken into custody. The three females refused to comply with multiple officers' repeated orders to leave the area and interfered with the officers' ability to secure the scene. Sara Matthews pushed one officer in the chest as they tried to take her into custody. Dyrese Hayden and Alainna Conyers were also taken into custody.

In all, eight Redding Police Department Officers, and approximately seven law enforcement officers from the California Highway Patrol and the Shasta County Sheriff's Office were required to respond to the scene of the incident to assist with securing the area.

Matthew Hall, Jason Matthews, and Sara Matthews will be sentenced on May 20, 2011 by the Honorable Judge Gallagher. Dyrese Hayden is currently set to be retried on June 1, 2011.