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MAN PLEADS TO ATTEMPTED MURDER

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Redding – Today, during the second day of jury selection, Defendant Christopher Steven Chilton, of Redding, pled to one count of Attempted Murder and one count of Assault with Force Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury. Further, he admitted enhancements alleging two prior prison commitments.

These charges stem from a Christmas Eve 2010 incident that occurred at Caldwell Park in Redding. Chilton threatened and assaulted numerous people in the park, including a pregnant woman and mentally disabled woman. One man attempted to intervene to stop Chilton when Chilton threatened to kill him while wielding a knife.

Chilton was ultimately taken into custody after Redding Police Department officers arrived at the park. Several witnesses came forward and provided statements to law enforcement to assist in the prosecution.

Redding Parks' employee Geoff Diaz heard of the incident and discovered additional assaults after reviewing video surveillance at the park's restrooms. Diaz contacted law enforcement and provided the surveillance leading to additional charges.

Chilton was sentenced to ten years in state prison. His conviction for attempted murder is a strike. He will be required to serve 85% of his sentence before he is eligible for parole.