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INFORMATION RELEASE

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SOLANO COUNTY JAIL INMATE ATTEMPTS ESCAPE

Just before 11:30 a.m. this morning Solano County Jail inmate, JOSEPH MICHAEL SCHABERT a 24 year old Vacaville resident, attempted to escape from within the Solano County Jail. Schabert was originally arrested by the Vacaville Police Department on Wednesday 02/05/14 and booked into the Solano County Jail for a probation violation and failure to appear on a felony drug case.

Schabert was in the tunnel holding area of the jail when he ran from jail staff. The tunnel holding area of the Solano County is a series of hallways that is utilized by jail staff when inmates are transferred to the various courtrooms within the Solano County Courthouse in Fairfield. When Schabert ran, jail staff immediately pursued him and radioed information to other correctional staff and deputies working within the jail and courthouse.

Schabert ran a short distance and into the north holding area of the jail, which is still within the secured jail facility. Schabert was confined to a small locked room when three Deputy Sheriff's entered the room through a locked door and confronted him. Schabert assaulted the three deputies by discharging a powder fire extinguisher directly into the deputy's faces. With limited visibility and the small room filled with the powder from the fire extinguisher, one of the deputies deployed his Tazer, which struck Schabert. The Tazer was effective on Schabert and he was subdued after a short struggle with deputies.

The deputies then assisted Schabert to his feet and immediately led him out of the building through an emergency exit so that the deputies and Schabert could get fresh air. Schabert was then placed on the ground where he was held until additional deputies arrived to assist. The three deputies who originally confronted Schabert and were exposed to the fire extinguisher chemicals were transported to a local hospital and treated and later released. Schabert was also transported to a local hospital where he was treated for the effects of the Tazer as well as his exposure to the fire extinguisher chemicals.

Schabert never made it outside the jail facility and was only taken outside of the facility by deputies that after deputies had gained control of him and determined that he and the deputies need immediate fresh air due to the exposure to the fire extinguisher chemicals. The investigation into this incident is continuing and the investigation will include looking into policies and procedures within the jail in an effort to determine whether any changes are necessary.

Schabert is expected to face additional felony charges of: Assault with Deadly Weapon (3 counts), Battery on a Peace Officer (3 counts), attempted escape from a jail facility, and additional probation violations. Schabert is currently being held in the Solano County Jail with a no bail status due to his probation violation.

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JOSEPH MICHAEL SCHABERT

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