



SHASTA COUNTY SHERIFF

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MEDIA RELEASE

Altercation During Youth Football Game Sparks Fight

On Saturday, November 29, 2025, at approximately 12:41 PM, Shasta County Sheriff's deputies from the Shasta Lake Station responded to the Central Valley High School football field to a report of a physical fight involving multiple people. The caller reported that a person had charged at a football coach during a game.

When deputies arrived, they contacted numerous people who were involved, including coaching staff, juveniles, and parents. The event being held was a youth football charity tournament being held at the field but was not affiliated with the school.

Deputies interviewed witnesses and learned a juvenile player from a Reno, Nevada area team was tackled near the Central Valley sideline. A coach from Central Valley picked up the Reno player and pushed him back toward the field. The player's father, who was an assistant coach for the Reno team, perceived the push to be an assault and ran across the field to confront the Central Valley coach. According to witnesses, the Reno coach attempted to throw a punch at the Central Valley coach, missed, and hit a juvenile who was working on the sidelines. The juvenile was not injured, however, their parents requested to press charges for assault/child endangerment.

Parents from both sides then ran onto the field and became involved in separate physical altercations. Many of the parents involved had left the scene prior to deputies' arrival. At some point during this incident, the Reno coach was struck and was believed to be temporarily unconscious. He was evaluated by medical personnel and released. The person who struck the Reno coach was not identified.

Video obtained by the school captured the incident and corroborated witness statements. Deputies interviewed numerous witnesses and involved parties, and a case will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for consideration of charges. There were no injuries to any juveniles or adults who were identified and the remainder of the games involving the Reno team were cancelled.

Anyone with additional information on this incident can call the non-emergency line at 530-245-6540 to speak with a deputy.

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