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### GRIDLEY POLICE OFFICER ARRESTED FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

After a month-long investigation, a 29-year-old Gridley Police Officer was arrested yesterday and charged today in a criminal complaint alleging felony counts of domestic violence and animal cruelty.

**Devin William Pasley**, 29, of Chico, was arrested at the Gridley Police Department by Butte County District Attorney investigators and transported to the Butte County Jail where he was booked. He later posted a bail bond of \$70,000 and was released pending his appearance in Butte County Superior Court tomorrow.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said Pasley was arrested on an arrest warrant issued by a local judge in which it was alleged Pasley, a four-year Gridley officer, had physically abused his significant other and the mother of his child, over the past year of a tumultuous relationship. Ramsey said Pasley was accused of physically pinning the victim down in their shared home and choking her dog throughout the course of their year-long relationship.

Ramsey said investigators from his office and detectives from Chico Police conducted the criminal investigation into the case. Their investigation paralleled an internal affairs investigation begun by the Gridley Police after the domestic abuse was reported. Ramsey said Pasley was taken off duty and placed on administrative leave at the beginning of the Gridley Police investigation.

Ramsey said Pasley was summoned to the Gridley police station where he was arrested and also served with a gun violence restraining order. Pasley's home was searched pursuant to a search warrant and several personal firearms were taken into protective custody by the Chico police.

Ramsey said domestic violence is a serious crime that often goes unreported for a variety of reasons, but his office is dedicated to combating domestic violence and aiding victims of domestic violence. Locally the Catalyst Domestic Violence Services organization is available to help at (800) 895-8476.

No one is above the law, Ramsey said, not even those charged with enforcing the law.