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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Oroville Man Held to Answer After Stabbing Two People Over Two Days**

A Butte County judge today found sufficient evidence during a preliminary hearing to hold a man to answer for stabbing two different people over a 52-hour crime spree last month in Oroville and Chico.

Chance Andre Vincent, 27, homeless of Oroville, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon for a stabbing that occurred in Oroville at about 1:00 a.m. on September 2, 2022, and another count for a stabbing that occurred in Chico at about 5:00 a.m. on September 4, 2022.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the September 2 incident occurred when Vincent and another 33-year-old homeless man were walking from a convenience store in Oroville back to the homeless encampment where the man was living. The 33-year-old testified before the judge today that the attack came without warning when Vincent stabbed him several times in the back. The victim explained to the judge that his injuries were so severe that he suffered from a collapsed lung and almost died. Fortunately, for the victim, a CALFIRE crew was in the area fighting a fire when the attack occurred, so paramedics responded in less than a minute.

The 33-year-old victim testified that prior to the attack he knew Vincent from around town, but only knew his first name. The victim only became aware of Vincent's full name on September 4, when local news outlets reported on the stabbing in Chico. The victim's fiancée today testified she saw an article regarding the Chico attack on the "Breaking News" app on her smartphone. She showed the picture to her victim boyfriend, who confirmed it was Vincent who stabbed him.

Two Chico Police officers testified today that, on September 4 at about 5:00 a.m., they were dispatched to the Chico train and bus depot where they found a 53-year-old Chico homeless man lying in a pool of blood. That victim told the officers the man who stabbed him ran off and was wearing a white t-shirt. An ambulance took the man to the hospital where it was discovered that he, like the Oroville victim, suffered a collapsed lung.

A Chico police officer testified today that he located Vincent in a tent in nearby Depot Park. Vincent was sitting bare-chested in a chair next to a white t-shirt with a bloody knife under it.

Ramsey said Vincent is facing up to 11 years in state prison on the charges.

Judge Corrie Caraway set the case for arraignment on the information and jury trial setting on October 20, 2022.