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Man Admits Stabbing at Coffeehouse in Chico

In Butte County Superior Court today, a Chico homeless man admitted to a stabbing that occurred at a Nord Avenue coffeehouse last August. Casey Larsen, 32, pleaded guilty today to a felony count of Assault with Deadly Weapon, as well as admitting a special allegation of Causing Great Bodily Injury.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the stabbing occurred on August 16, 2021 shortly after 7:00 a.m., when Larsen was asked by coffeehouse employees to leave the café for causing a disturbance by randomly cursing, but Larsen refused to leave. One of the male employees approached Larsen and asked Larsen once again to leave. Shortly thereafter, Larsen took a knife out of his backpack without the 35-year-old employee's knowledge. Larsen first sprayed the employee's face with an unknown substance. As the employee rubbed his eyes to remove the substance from his face, Larsen stabbed him once in the chest and once in the abdomen. Larsen then fled the coffeehouse. The victim employee was transported to Enloe Hospital for emergency surgery, as the wound to his abdomen had penetrated his small intestine.

Upon review of the coffeehouse's video surveillance, Larsen was identified by officers and an alert went out to local law enforcement. Three hours after the stabbing was reported, Chico police investigated a report of a suspect brandishing a knife at the 600 block of Cohasset Road. After recognizing this suspect as Casey Larsen, he was arrested and booked into the Butte County Jail. Notably, Larsen had changed and discarded his clothing, as well as the knife he used in the stabbing incident.

Ramsey said Larsen faces seven years in state prison for this case when he is sentenced on April 13, 2022. He remains in the Butte County Jail with no bail.

