



# *Chowchilla Police Department*

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## Press Release

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On October 9, 2008 at approximately 2:00 p.m., two agents of the Madera County Gang Enforcement Team were attacked while standing near the rear door of the Chowchilla Police Department escorting prisoners into the building for processing.

42-year-old Gary Fanning attacked the officers from behind as they were walking prisoners into the building according to Sergeant Dave Riviere. Fanning ran toward the officers from the area of the Valero Service Station and struck the agents from behind. It is unclear as to why Fanning attacked the agents. Fanning was immediately taken into custody.

Fanning was arrested and booked at the Madera County Jail for battery of a custodial officer in the performance of their duties, battery of a probation officer in the performance of their duties, and a violation of parole.

Police Chief Jay Varney stated that "We live in an ever more violent society. We are glad that no one sustained serious injury as a result of this unprovoked physical attack on members of the Madera Gang Task Force."

"Improving the exterior security of our facility has been included in the City's improvement plan for the Government Center and today's incident illustrates why" stated Chief Varney.

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