



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **ASSAULT AND BATTERY INCIDENT AT TJ'S DOWNTOWN BAR AND GRILL RESULTS IN FOUR ARRESTS.**

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**From: Chief of Police Brad Rasmussen**

**For further information contact Chief Brad Rasmussen or Sergeant Dale Stoebe.**

On November 12, 2011 at approximately 11:00 PM, Lakeport Police Department (LPD) units assisted by Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Deputies, California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officers and California State Parks (CSP) Rangers were dispatched to investigate the report of a large physical fight occurring at TJ's Downtown Bar and Grill in Lakeport. The first arriving LPD Officer observed approximately 25 persons outside of the location with three separate physical fights, each involving numerous subjects and occurring at the same time. The officer was contacted by TJ's staff members who pointed out a group of four male subjects and identified them as assaulting both staff and patrons inside of the bar. The officer approached the four subjects and ordered them to stop and go to the ground. The subjects became verbally abusive and refused to follow the officer's commands. The officer made further attempts to control the four subjects who began resisting, obstructing and verbally and physically challenging him. At one point when two of the subjects advanced on the officer he discharged his Taser, striking one of them before they all fled the area.

Assisting units located the subjects in the area of Will-O-Point and all four were arrested for public intoxication, battery and obstructing or resisting a peace officer. The subjects are identified as Kelseyville, CA residents Pablo Juan Arredondo 29, Jose Antonio Rico 31, Francisco Martinez Rico 25 and Gerardo Rico Martinez 24.

Follow-up investigation determined that four TJ's staff members were battered and injured by the four aforementioned subjects while investigating a report that they had harassed female customers. The injuries consisted of lacerations, contusions, bite wounds and a broken finger.

The investigation of this incident is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact Officer Jarvis Leishman at the Lakeport Police Department.

**Brad Rasmussen  
Chief of Police**