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MICHAEL JOSEPH PROKES, DURING A NEWS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR ON MARCH 12, 1979, IN A ROOM OF MOTEL 6, MODESTO, CALIFORNIA, AT 7:15 P.M., ON MARCH 13, 1979, EXCUSED HIMSELF AND WENT INTO THE BATHROOM AND SHOT HIMSELF IN THE HEAD WITH A .38 CAL. REVOLVER. HAVING READ TO THE MEDIA APPROXIMATELY FIVE PAGES OF A 30 PAGE PREPARED PRESS RELEASE. (u)

MICHAEL PROKES HAD APPARENTLY SECRETED REVOLVER IN THE BATHROOM WITH A SUICIDE NOTE. PROKES IS HOSPITALIZED IN DOCTORS HOSPITAL, MODESTO, CALIFORNIA, IN VERY VERY CRITICAL CONDITION. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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