



# CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PRESS RELEASE

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**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** Suspect arrested for evading police and hit and run.

**LOCATION OF INCIDENT:** W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street at Normal

**DATE/TIME OCCURRED:** 2/18/14 2142 hrs

**INCIDENT CASE NUMBER:** 15-1028

**SUSPECT:** Reardon, Sean Patrick. Age 30 of Chico

**NARRATIVE:**

On 2/18/15 at 2142 Hrs. Chico Police Officer Jack Ditty attempted to stop a blue Chevy Suburban at 5<sup>th</sup> and Main Street for a vehicle code violation. The vehicle sped away from the Officer for about one block before pulling to the curb at 6<sup>th</sup> and Main Street. The vehicle stopped for a moment before speeding off again. The Officer got back into his car as the suspect vehicle drove one block west to 6<sup>th</sup> and Salem where it collided with a vehicle driving south on Salem. That vehicle, a black Lexus sustained severe damage but the occupants were not injured. The suspect vehicle continued one more block west where it turned north on Normal Street. The suspect vehicle pulled to the curb again where it collided with a parked car.

The suspect, later identified as Sean Reardon exited the suspect vehicle and began moving away from it. A male passenger in the suspect vehicle remained in the right front passenger seat. The Officer gave the suspect/driver commands to stop and get down on the ground. He initially complied but then got up and began approaching the Officer while reaching into his pockets. He ignored the Officer's demands to stop and get down on the ground. After a moment, he complied and lay down on the ground. When Officers arrived on scene and approached the suspect to handcuff him, he struggled with them. He grabbed one Officer, tearing the pocket off his uniform shirt while they struggled to control him. The suspect was struck several times in the lower legs with a baton during the struggle. Eventually, with the help of several officers the suspect was taken into custody

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The suspect was charged with several offenses to include:

2800.2(a) CVC-	Recklessly evading a Police Officer
20002 CVC-	Hit and Run
148 (a)(1) PC-	Resisting arrest
14601.2 CVC-	Driving with suspended license
23152 CVC-	Driving under the influence
1203.2 PC-	Violation of probation
29800(a)(1) PC	Felony warrant for possession of firearm by felon with priors.
23152CVC	Misdemeanor warrant for DUI

The passenger in the suspect vehicle was later released without charges.

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