



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4900

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Arrest made in Homicide Investigation

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 2200 block of Mulberry Street

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 2-19-15, 0751

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 15-1036

VICTIM: Joel Eldridge

SUSPECT: Michael Patrick Anderson, DOB: 7-3-84, Chico Resident

NARRATIVE:

As described in an earlier press release sent by Lt. Mike Nelson, see attached, the Chico Police Detective Bureau has been actively investigating the stabbing death of Joel Eldridge. While doing so, Michael Patrick Anderson became the focus of the investigation. Detectives developed information that Anderson was responsible for the crime and had obtained an arrest warrant for his arrest.

On 2-24-15, at approximately 1100 Hours, Chico Police Detectives received information through their investigative channels that Anderson was possibly in the Orland area. We also learned that he may have been in possession of a stolen vehicle that was reported to Chico CHP on 2-23-15. Detectives drove to Glenn County and with the help of the Glenn County Sheriff's Office and the California Highway Patrol, we began searching the area.

A Chico Police Detective spotted the vehicle in the area of Highway 45 and Road 29. The vehicle failed to yield and a short vehicle pursuit was initiated. The vehicle entered a small trailer park where the female passenger exited the vehicle. While still in the vehicle, the suspect fled out of the trailer park, into a field, where it crashed into a ditch. The driver continued driving in the ditch as detectives chased the vehicle on foot. The vehicle came to rest on a large stump in the ditch and the driver fled on foot. The detectives chased the suspect who ran into a mobile home. As additional officers arrived, the suspect exited the home and surrendered to police. The suspect was identified as Michael Anderson. He was arrested and transported to the Chico Police Department. The female in the vehicle was also located. She was questioned and later released. While at the scene, we learned that the residents of the mobile home did not know Anderson and forced him to exit their

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residence, resulting in his surrender.

Anderson was later transported to the Butte County Jail on the warrant, charging him with an open count of murder with no bail.

The stolen vehicle was recovered and suffered moderate damage. There were no injuries associated with this incident.

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: 187 PC – Homicide.

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 2200 block of Mulberry Street, Chico, CA.

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: February 19, 2015 @ 0751 hrs.

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 15-1036

VICTIM: Withheld pending notification to family members.

SUSPECT: Unknown

PERSONS OF INTEREST: Michael Patrick Anderson 07/03/1984 WMA (Chico resident)
Brandy Jane Hernandez 05/30/1989 WFA (Chico resident)

NARRATIVE: On February 19, 2015 at approximately 0751 hrs Chico Police Officers responded to multiple 911 calls reporting a fight in the 2200 block of Mulberry Street. The callers reported one subject was in need of medical attention. Upon police arrival, the involved parties were not located. There was evidence at the scene indicating an altercation had in fact occurred. As officers were interviewing witnesses at the scene, an additional 911 call came in from the area W. 2nd Ave. and Esplanade. The caller reported they were transporting a male subject to the hospital that had been stabbed and was in need of medical attention. Police Officers and medics arrived to the area of W. 2nd Ave and Esplanade and the injured subject was transported to an area hospital via ambulance for medical treatment. The injured subject did not survive his injuries and was pronounced deceased by medical staff while still at the hospital. It was determined the deceased subject was being transported from the Mulberry Street altercation to the hospital in a private vehicle.

Chico Police Detectives have taken over this investigation which is being treated as a homicide. This investigation is ongoing. Two additional subjects have been reported to have also left the Mulberry Street location and have been identified as Michael Anderson and Brandy Hernandez, both of Chico.

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Their current whereabouts are unknown, however Chico Police Detectives would like to speak to them to determine their involvement. If anyone knows their whereabouts or has any information regarding this incident, they are asked to call the Chico Police Department at 530-897-4911.

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Detective Brian Miller
Detective Nick Bauer
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