



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4900

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Arrest in Burglary/Vandalism case at Marigold Elementary School and Bidwell Presbyterian Church.

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 208 W. 1st Street, Bidwell Presbyterian Church

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 2/26/15 at 1909 hrs

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 15-1189 and 15-1040

VICTIM: Bidwell Presbyterian Church and Marigold Elementary School

SUSPECTS: A 13 year old Juvenile (name with-held) and 20 year old Joshua Michael Neese of Chico.

NARRATIVE:

On 2/26/15 at 1909 hrs Chico Police Officers were called to a reported burglary at Bidwell Presbyterian Church on W. 1st Street. On arrival, Officers contacted Church officials who reported that they had just caught two subjects inside the church stealing property and damaging items. Church officials detained one suspect (Joshua Neese) at the scene. Officers located the second suspect, a 13 year old juvenile nearby. During the course of the investigation, Officers determined that both suspects had broken into the building by breaking a window to open a door. Once inside, the suspects removed small property items as well as vandalizing the interior with markers. One of the suspects also defecated on the floor of one room.

During the course of this investigation, Officers determined that the 13 year old juvenile was also responsible for the burglary of Marigold Elementary School on 2/19/15. During the past several weeks there have been a number of similar crimes involving schools and churches in the community. It is believed that there were additional suspects involved. Officers will be conducting additional follow-up in these cases and anticipate there may be more arrests as a result.

The juvenile was booked into Juvenile hall on two counts of Burglary. Suspect Joshua Neese was booked into the Butte County Jail on one count of Burglary.

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Watch Commander:
Date/Time: 2/27/15 0130 hrs