



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4900

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Fraud / Scam

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Tri-Counties Bank, 2171 Pillsbury Rd.

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 8-13-15 / 0845 Hours

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 15-5296

VICTIM: Withheld

SUSPECT: Unknown

NARRATIVE:

On 8-13-15 at about 0845 Hours, the Chico Police Department received a phone call from a bank employee of the Tri-Counties Bank on Pillsbury Rd. The employee reported that the bank had received a phone call from an unknown male, who threatened to harm an elderly female customer if she entered the bank. The male identified the customer by name. The employee advised the police department that the customer had just walked into the bank.

Chico Police Officers responded to the bank and met with the 89 year old female victim and bank employees. A subsequent investigation revealed that the 89 year old Chico resident was the victim of an attempted phone scam. The male suspect had made phone contact with the victim, told her that a relative had been jailed, and requested the victim wire over \$15,000 in bail money. The transfer was not completed and the victim did not suffer any monetary loss.

The Chico Police Department wants to remind citizens that these types of scams are prevalent, and encourages citizens to phone the Chico Police Department to report similar incidents.

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Date/Time: 8-13-15 / 1600 Hours