



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4900

TYPE OF INCIDENT: 211 PC Armed Robbery

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Starbucks Coffee 2009 Forest Avenue, Chico

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 11-20-15 Approximately 5:00 a.m.

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 15-8074

SUSPECT: Michael Douglas Alston 44 years old, resident of Paradise

NARRATIVE: On the early morning of November 20th 2015, the Chico Police Department received a call of an armed robbery which had just occurred at Starbucks Coffee on Forest Avenue in Chico. A male adult wearing dark clothing and a mask walked into the business, pointed a handgun at employees and ordered them to give him money. The firearm was not discharged during the incident and there were no injuries. The suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of money, running southbound from the front of the business. An extensive area check was performed by responding officers but the suspect was not located.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Chico Police Department at 530-897-4900.

*******UPDATE*******

Over the past several months, Chico Police Detectives had discovered information that Michael Douglas Alston was the suspect in the above armed robbery. On 05-31-16, Chico Police Detectives with the assistance of the Chico TARGET team and Gang Unit served a search warrant at an address in Paradise Ca. in regards to the robbery. During the Search Warrant, Michael Alston was located and arrested without incident. During this investigation, Detectives established enough evidence to arrest and charge Michael Alston for the robbery. Alston was booked on a single count of armed robbery and transported to Butte County Jail.

Supervisor:

Watch Commander: Lt. Mike Nelson

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