



# CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** Shoplift/Resist Arrest

**LOCATION OF INCIDENT:** Rite Aid; 650 Mangrove Ave, Chico

**DATE/TIME OCCURRED:** December 5, 2015 at about 10:15 a.m.

**INCIDENT CASE NUMBER:** 15-8451

**VICTIM:** Rite Aid

**SUSPECTS:** Christian Berkeley (26 years), Brady Carmack (25 years)

**NARRATIVE:**

On Dec. 5 at about 10:05 a.m. the Chico Police Department received a call for service regarding two suspects stealing energy drinks and snacks from the Rite Aid store. Rite Aid Loss Prevention employees notified CPD Dispatch that these suspects had stolen from Rite Aid today and numerous times in the past. The suspects were reported to be walking toward the Safeway grocery store. At one point, Carmack, confined to a wheelchair, assaulted the loss prevention staff.

Officers arrived in the area and contacted the two males who were identified by the Rite Aid Loss Prevention employees as the suspects.

The Chico Police Department was made aware of a partial video of the incident and posted the video to social media. A neighboring business video surveillance captured the entire contact between Berkeley and the officers.

The video shows CPD Officer contacting one of the suspects, later identified as Christian Berkeley. A CPD Officer gave commands to Berkeley to place hands on the back of Berkeley's head. Berkeley placed his hands on the back of his head but refused to comply with all of the orders given by the officer. The officer grabbed a hold of Berkeley in an attempt to search and detain Berkeley. During this time Berkeley struggled with the officer, spun toward the Supervisor: Love S15

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officer and took an aggressive, fighting stance.

The officer let go of Berkeley, backed up and retrieved his electronic control device (ECD; commonly known as a Taser). The officer pointed the ECD at Berkeley, ordering Berkeley to lie on the ground. Berkeley refused to cooperate by only going to his knees. The officer continued to give Berkeley commands. Berkeley would not comply with the orders given by the officer and stood up, turned and began to walk away.

In an effort to safely arrest Berkeley who had already struggled with the officer and refused to comply with numerous orders by the officer an ECD was deployed by the officer. The ECD was effective in causing Berkeley to fall to the ground and be taken into custody without further incident. He was arrested for shoplifting as well as obstructing and delaying a police officer in the performance of his duties.

Berkeley was uninjured aside from the impact made from the ECD. Berkeley was transported to a local hospital for a medical clearance and then transported to Butte County Jail for booking. There were no injuries to the officers.

Carmack was contacted and arrested without incident. He was arrested for shoplifting and battery on the loss prevention officer.

All use of force incidents receive an administrative review. This incident has already been reviewed by the department watch commander and the initial determination is that the officer used appropriate force to overcome the suspect's resistance and to make a lawful arrest pursuant to department policy.

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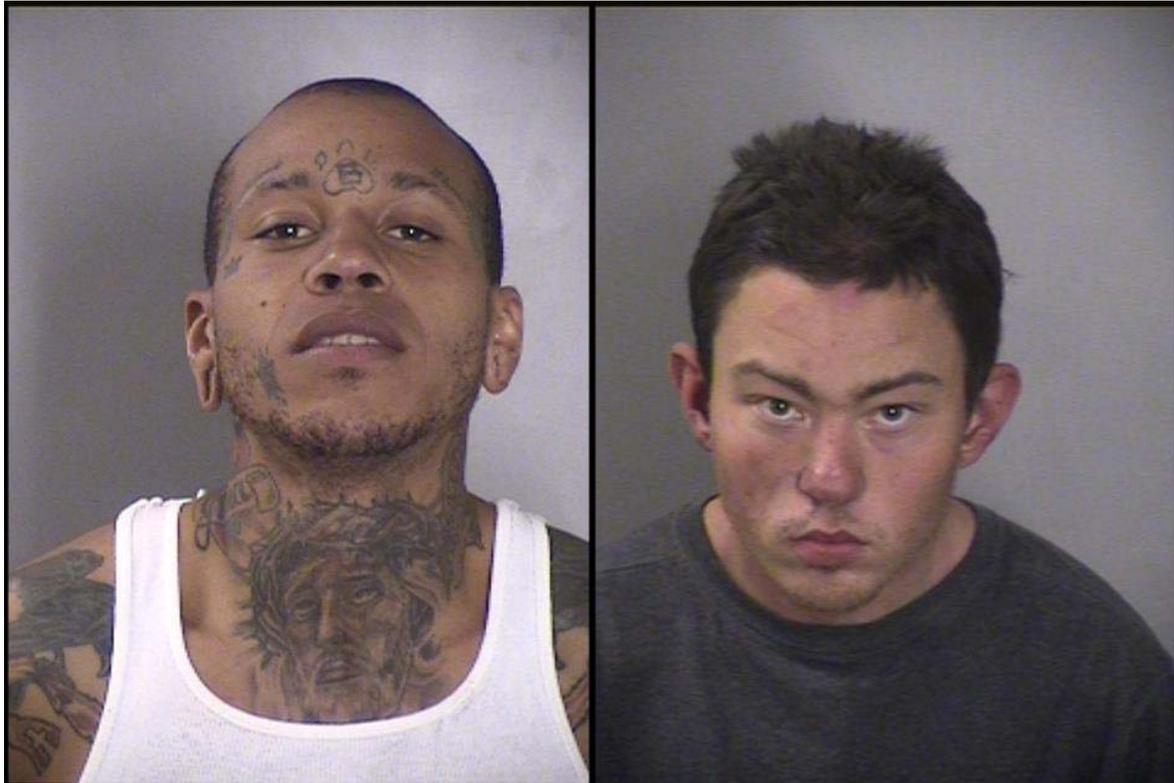
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