



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4900

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Attempted Murder, Arson

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1718 Park Ave.

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 12/16/15 2102 hours

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 15 -8749

VICTIM: Withheld

SUSPECT: Fernando Lujan (62 years old, homeless in Chico)

NARRATIVE:

On the above date and time, the Chico Police Department received a call from AG Security concerning a subject who had started a fire behind the old Sierra Market. The subject, later identified as Fernando Lujan, threw gasoline on the security guard and lit the ground in front of the security guard on fire in an apparent attempt to light the security guard on fire. The security guard was able to retreat before being lit on fire. As Lujan began pouring more gasoline into a container, the security guard used pepper spray on Lujan to prevent him from throwing more gasoline towards him.

Chico Fire arrived on scene and extinguished the fire, which had spread to a nearby fence. Chico Police personnel detained Lujan. Lujan was treated for the pepper spray exposure and booked into Butte County Jail. The extent of the fire damage was not known at the time of this press release. The security guard was not injured in this incident.

Supervisor: Sgt. Rodden

Watch Commander: Lt. McKinnon

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