



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Prowler
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 800 block of Lorinda Lane in North Chico.
DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 12/21/2015 0922 hrs
INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 15-8862
SUSPECT: Bryan Miller, Age 31. Homeless, Chico area

NARRATIVE:

On 12/21/2015 at 0922 hrs, a 15 year old female on Lorinda Lane was home alone when someone knocked at the front door of the residence. She peeked outside and saw a male subject at the door but she did not answer the door. Minutes later, she heard a loud noise in the back yard. She looked out and saw the same male, now in her back yard looking in a window. She feared that he was trying to break in. She fled out the front door and ran toward a neighbor's house. She was able to phone 9-1-1 to report the incident.

Chico Police Officers Cale Smith and Neil Simpson were nearby and arrived within two minutes. They contacted the 15 year old and coordinated a perimeter around the house. Moments later, Sgt. Sandoval encountered the suspect as he fled out the rear yard of the residence. He was taken into custody at gunpoint.

During the course of the investigation, it was determined that the suspect never made entry into the house. There was evidence that he had prowled in the yard of a neighboring residence as well. Mr. Miller was later booked into the Butte County Jail in Oroville on a charge of prowling.

Chico Police would like to take this opportunity to remind the community that we often see an increase in the number of residential burglaries during the holiday season. Many families leave for the holiday and thieves know this. Thieves often knock at the front door of a residence to determine if someone is home. If there is no response, they will assume that the home is not occupied and will then look for a way to enter. If you are going to be away for the holidays, consider taking steps to make the home appear occupied. Alert a trusted friend or neighbor to keep an eye on the home and report suspicious activity. The Chico Police Volunteers in Police Service (V.I.P.S.) do offer a "vacation check" service. Additional information about that is available at http://www.chico.ca.us/police/documents/house_and_vacation_watch.pdf.

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