



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4900

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Child endangerment, Burglary, possession of stolen property

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1200 block of Stewart Ave Chico

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 01-06-16 / 1431 hours

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 16-139

VICTIM: multiple Chico residents

SUSPECT: Stephen Anthony Lezzeni and Nicole Jo Smith Both residents of Chico

NARRATIVE:

On 01-06-16, Chico Police Detectives responded to an address in the 1200 block of Stewart Ave and conducted a probation search on Stephen Lezzeni. Lezzeni was on Butte County Probation from a prior arrest and conviction of petty theft.

During the search of the residence, Detectives located numerous items of stolen property, to include credit cards which Lezzeni had already used at local businesses. Detectives also located two firearms in the residence. One of the firearms had recently been stolen from a residence on Bidwell Ave in Chico. In addition, we located drug paraphernalia, and approximately 2 Lbs. of marijuana.

Two small children were located inside the residence and were turned over to Child Protective Services. Based on the condition of the residence along with the drug paraphernalia easily accessible to the children, Lezzeni will also face child endangerment charges.

The children's mother, Nicole Smith was at the residence and will also face child endangerment charges.

Both Lezzeni and Smith were booked at Chico PD and later transported to Butte County Jail.

If anyone has additional information in regards to this investigation, please call the Chico Police Department at 897-4900.

Supervisor:

Watch Commander: Lt. Mike Nelson

Prepared By: Sgt. Scott Harris

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