



# CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**Incident: Grand Theft Bicycle- Felony**

**Location: 200 block of E. Washington Avenue**

**Date: 03/23/16 1517 hours**

**Case: 16-2111**

**Suspects: 38 y.o. W/M Ronald Tanner, Paradise resident  
21 y.o. W/F Emily Hammond, Paradise resident**

**Photos: dated 03/23/16**

**On 03/23/16 at about 1517 hours, 38 year Paradise resident Ronald Tanner and 21 year old Paradise resident Emily Hammond were arrested for their involvement in the theft of a Chico Police Department “bait bicycle”.**

**At about 1500 hours, officers were alerted to the theft of a GPS enabled Chico Police Department “bait bicycle.” The bicycle, part of a Chico Police Target team effort to address bicycle theft, had been locked up in front of a business located on Nord Avenue.**

**Officers monitored the direction of the bicycle as it traveled toward the Chico Cemetery. Officers drove to the area and observed a pickup truck parked near the Chico Cemetery. Officers observed Tanner run from the pickup on foot, hop over a fence, and run into the cemetery grounds. Officers then lost sight of him. The stolen “bait bicycle” was located in the bed of the pickup Tanner was observed running from.**

**Officers established a perimeter around the cemetery. After an approximate 15 minute search, officers located Tanner hiding under a tarp on the cemetery grounds. Officers detained Tanner without incident. Officers detained Hammond without incident as she stood near the pickup. Tanner was identified as the suspect in the felonious theft of the “bait bicycle.” He was also found to be in possession of burglary tools and was arrested. Hammond was arrested for providing false information to a police officer and violation of**

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**probation. There were no injuries as a result of this incident. Due to the close proximity of Chico Junior High School, the grounds were searched by officers while Tanner was at large. It was after a check of the school grounds found no threat to students and staff that Tanner was located hiding in the cemetery.**



*Tanner, Ronald 38 years old*

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