



# CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**Type of Incident:** Assault with a Deadly Weapon  
**Location of Incident:** 700 Block W. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
**Date/Time Occurred:** 5-17-2016 at 2240 hours  
**Date/Time of Arrest:** 5-18-2016 at 0226 hours  
**Incident Case Number:** 16-3704  
**Victim:** Withheld  
**Suspect:** Colby Thompson (5-26-89)

**Narrative:** On May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at about 2240 hours, Chico Police responded to the 700 block of W. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave regarding a large fight. Upon arrival, Officers encountered approximately 30-40 subjects in the street, several of them fighting. It took several minutes to calm the crowd and get to the source of the problem. Witnesses stated that suspect Colby Thompson of Chico got into a physical altercation with his girlfriend. The altercation took place outside near W. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and N. Cedar St. Thompson walked away from the dispute extremely upset, yelling and challenging anyone nearby to fight. The victim, a 34 year old male who lived on the same street, was outside with his wife and child. The suspect and victim got into an argument. The victim grabbed a metal pipe nearby and attempted to defend himself. A physical altercation ensued and Thompson overpowered the victim and took the pipe from him. Thompson struck the victim on his left hand which completely severed his little finger. Thompson fled the scene, but some 4 hours later, called Chico Police to turn himself in. Thompson was positively identified by the victim as the suspect and was arrested. Thompson was transported to Chico Police

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where he admitted his involvement in the assault. Thompson was later transported to Butte County Jail. The victim was taken to a local hospital for treatment. Thompson was charged with 245(a)(1) PC, Assault with a deadly weapon and 243(d) PC, Battery causing significant injury. Bail was set at \$80,000.

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