



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4900

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Assault on a Peace Officer

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Downtown Plaza

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 5/28/16 at 8:05 a.m.

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 16-4009

VICTIM: City of Chico Park Ranger

SUSPECT: Michael Rankin Vowels (Age 53)

NARRATIVE:

On Saturday, May 28, 2016 at about 8:05 a.m. a City of Chico Park Ranger was walking through the Downtown Plaza on routine patrol. The Park Ranger saw a male, later identified as Michael Vowels yelling at an unidentified male in the plaza. The Park Ranger contacted Vowels to determine what was causing the dispute. Vowels directed his anger at the Park Ranger while the unidentified male walked out of the area. The Park Ranger tried to speak with Vowels to calm him down. Vowels became enraged, charged at the Park Ranger and punched the Park Ranger in the face.

Chico Police Officers arrived and contacted Vowels. Vowels was subsequently arrested and transported to jail for the felony assault. The Park Ranger did not require medical attention and completed his shift.

Supervisor: Sgt. Love #S15

Watch Commander: Lt. Madden

Prepared By: Sgt. Love #S15

Date/Time: 05/28/16 at 6:30 P.M.