



# CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4900

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**TYPE OF INCIDENT: Domestic Violence / Arson**

**LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 200 block of West East Avenue, Chico**

**DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 06/11/16 1212**

**INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 16-4409**

**VICTIM: Adult male (name withheld)**

**SUSPECT: Maria Sarnowski, 34 year old female, Chico resident**

**NARRATIVE: On 06/11/16 at approximately 1212 hours, Chico Police and Chico Fire were called to the scene of a vehicle fire on the 200 block of West East Avenue. Witnesses reported seeing a female walking away from the mentioned vehicle, with a male following her. Chico Fire quickly extinguished the fire, but a small sport utility vehicle was destroyed. Chico Police officers located a female suspect near-by, who was identified by witnesses as the person responsible for causing the fire to the vehicle. The female was identified as Maria Sarnowski. During the course of the investigation, officers learned Sarnowski had also assaulted the male who had been in the vehicle with her. Sarnowski was arrested for domestic violence and arson. She was transported to the Butte County Jail for booking. Her bail was \$100,000. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact the Chico Police Department at 530-897-4900.**

**Supervisor: Sgt. C. Prosis**

**Watch Commander: Lt. M. Madden**

**Prepared By: Sgt. C. Prosis**

**Date/Time: 06/11/16 1730**