



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Armed felon arrested for multiple charges.

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Heritage Inn, Chico

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 07/02/16 01:13 hours

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 16-4941

VICTIM: N/A

SUSPECT: Benjamin Ruggles (05/02/78)

NARRATIVE:

Benjamin Ruggles had a confirmed felony warrant, and a CDCR Parole warrant for his arrest. Ruggles also failed to appear for a recent court date.

On 07/02/16, CPD Officers responded to assist Allied Bail Bonds agents after they located Ruggles at the Heritage Inn. Ruggles attempted to flee on foot before officers arrived. Bail agents attempted to detain Ruggles, however, Ruggles physically resisted and pulled a loaded firearm from his waistband. Ruggles dropped the firearm as he struggled away from the agents and ran into the front parking lot. Bail agents were eventually able to detain Ruggles after several Taser deployments.

Officers arrived and took custody of Ruggles. Ruggles was arrested for his two no-bail warrants, being a felon in possession of a firearm, being an addicted drug user in possession of a firearm, possession of a high capacity magazine, being a felon in possession of ammunition, being a felon in possession of body armor, possession of stolen property, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of a methamphetamine pipe.

Officers took Ruggles to Enloe Hospital where he was medically cleared for incarceration. After booking, Ruggles was sent to Butte County Jail without bail.

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