



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Felon with Firearm investigation

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1459 E. Lassen Ave, Chico

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 8/11/16 1204 hrs

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 16-6021

SUSPECT: Sadler, Michael Wade. Age 27 of Chico

NARRATIVE:

On 8/11/16 at approximately 1204 hrs, Chico Police received a report of a possibly armed and suicidal male in an apartment at 1459 E. Lassen Ave. Responding Officers interviewed a woman who reported that her ex-husband, Michael Wade Sadler was inside the apartment and had access to a handgun and a stun gun. He made suicidal threats and also threatened "suicide by cop."

Officers set a perimeter around the apartment and began evacuating neighbors. Officers attempted to contact the subject by phone. Police negotiators were eventually able to speak to him by phone but could not confirm his location. He refused requests to meet with Officers and denied being suicidal. As the investigation continued, Officers determined that the subject was prohibited from possessing a firearm due to prior felony convictions.

Unable to confirm whether or not Mr. Sadler was in the apartment or had fled prior to Police arriving on scene, the Department SWAT team was activated. Chico Police Detectives also responded and obtained a search warrant for the residence. At approximately 2015 hrs, the SWAT team entered the apartment and cleared it. Mr. Sadler was not inside. Firearms were located during the search.

Mr. Sadler is being sought by Police for being a felon in possession of a firearm. He is considered armed and dangerous. Anyone with information about his location is asked to contact the Chico Police Department.

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Supervisor:

Watch Commander:

Prepared By: R. Merrifield

Date/Time: 8/11/16 at 2100 hrs