



# CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4900

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**Type of Incident:** Possession of Firearm, Brandishing a Firearm, Possession of Drugs for Sale

**Location of Incident:** Riley's Bar and Grill, 702 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St.

**Date/Time Occurred:** 9-17-16 at about 0112 hrs

**Date/Time of Arrest:** 9-17-16 at about 0127 hrs

**Incident Case Number:** 16-7102

**Victim: Names:** State of California

**Suspect:** Keanu Mole (age 21)

On the above date and time officers were driving in the area of W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. and Ivy St. when they were flagged down by employees of Riley's Bar. The first responding officer observed Mole in some type of argument with Riley's staff. By the time the police officer exited his patrol car Mole had been taken to the ground and was actively struggling with bar staff. As the officer approached he heard someone yell that Mole had a gun. The officer observed a handgun in the waistband of Mole's pants. The officer assisted with detaining Mole in handcuffs as other police officers arrived and removed the handgun from Mole. Mole actively resisted arrest, but did not reach for the handgun at any time. Mole received some minor abrasions from being taken to the ground by bar staff but was otherwise uninjured. Mole was placed under arrest for possession of a loaded concealable handgun. A search of Mole's person incident to his arrest revealed various illegal drugs in quantities and packaged for sales. Mole was later transported to Butte County Jail and his bail has been set at \$39,000.

During this incident officers observed numerous people filming with cellphones.

**Supervisor:** B. Miller S9

**Watch Commander:** Lt. Aldridge L4

**Prepared By:** Sgt. Struthers S18

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Anyone who witnessed the incident or has video of Mole before or during his arrest is encouraged to contact the Chico Police Department at (530)897-4911.

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