



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Stolen Recovered Bicycles

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: East 8th Street, Chico CA and 431 Cedar Street. Chico, CA

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 8/31/16 at 3:11pm and 9/01/16 at 8:27am

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 16-81870 and 16-81903

NARRATIVE:

On August 31st and September 1st, 2016 Chico Police recovered and returned previously reported stolen bicycles.

On 8-31-16 at approximately 3:11 p.m. the Chico Police Department received a report of a homeless encampment near E. 8th Street in Chico California which contained two expensive bicycles. Two Chico Police beat officers responded, and as part of their investigation ran the serial numbers of the bikes. One of the bikes, a 'Norco'-brand, had been reported stolen in a 'CopLogic' (online) report which contained the serial number and details of the bicycle. The owner of the \$2400 bicycle was contacted and the bike returned to him at the scene. The serial number for the second bike, a 'Felt'-brand did not match any reports and we suspect it is an unreported stolen bike. The bicycle was booked in as found property at the Chico Police Department. A female at the encampment was arrested for felony possession of stolen property and booked into the Butte County Jail.

On September 1st, 2016, members of the Target Team were patrolling Depot Park on Cedar Street in Chico California and found a 'Gary Fisher'-brand bicycle located in the park. The bicycle also had been reported stolen via 'CopLogic'. The report did not include the serial number, but did include a distinctive photo of the bicycle. Arrangements were made at the scene for the \$200 bike to be returned to the owner, who identified the bicycle. A second bike, a 'Trek'-brand, abandoned at the scene was also booked as found property at the Chico Police Department.

The Chico Police Department continues to encourage citizens to document their property, including serial numbers and photos, and file a police report if an item is stolen.

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