



# CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PRESS RELEASE

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**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** Stolen vehicle recovery and arrest

**LOCATION OF INCIDENT:** Cameo Drive, Chico

**DATE/TIME OCCURRED:** 12/06/16 at 0945 hrs

**INCIDENT CASE NUMBER:** 16-8316

**SUSPECT:** Needham, Eugene Leroy. Age 46 of Chico

**NARRATIVE:**

On 12/06/16 Chico Police Officers Durkin and Ratto were patrolling the area of Cameo Drive in north Chico. The Officers spotted a silver Toyota Tundra with paper plates. The vehicle was parked and a male was standing on the passenger side and reaching inside. The Officers recognized the male as Eugene Needham. They recalled that a Silver Toyota Tundra had recently been stolen in the area so they investigated further. Mr. Needham walked away from the vehicle as they approached. One Officer watched him enter a nearby apartment while the other Officer checked the Vehicle Identification Number. CPD dispatch advised that the vehicle was in fact stolen.

Additional Officers arrived to surround the apartment. The suspect surrendered a short time later. During the investigation, Officers found stolen property to include checks, social security cards and identification from at least two recent burglaries.

Mr. Needham was later booked into the Butte County Jail on charges of vehicle theft, possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools and possession of methamphetamine.

Officers will be conducting additional investigation and additional arrests are possible.

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**Supervisor:**

**Watch Commander:**

**Prepared By:** R. Merrifield

**Date/Time:** 12/06/16 1521 hrs