



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4900

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Animal Abuse

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 729 Nord Avenue, Chico CA

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 11-10-16

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 16-8741

VICTIM: State of California

SUSPECT: Andrew Lavato (DOB: 1-18-91)

NARRATIVE:

The Chico Police Department is currently in the process of completing a follow-up investigation concerning this case and would like to update the public. After a careful review of this investigation, it has been decided to submit our investigation to the Butte County District Attorney for review of potential Animal Abuse charges. As it stands, we have information which indicates the owner of the dog has relinquished custody to a third party. We are in the process of confirming this information. We are committed to ensuring that a complete and accurate investigation is conducted, and that the dog in question is appropriately cared for. The Chico Police Department asks citizens to please allow the judicial process to proceed in this case.

****Update to the original press release****

On 11-26-16 at approximately 10:00, Chico Police took possession of the Husky dog in this case. It was confirmed the dog was not with the suspect, but rather was located at an area animal shelter. The dog was taken to a local Veterinarian where a thorough examination was completed. The Veterinarian found the dog to be completely healthy and injury free. The dog will be cared for and remain within the possession of the Chico Police Department until further notice.

Please refer any questions or additional information regarding the investigation to Lieutenant Billy Aldridge 530/897-5804 or billy.aldridge@chicoca.gov

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Watch Commander: Lt. Billy Aldridge

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