



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Assault on a Peace Officer, Criminal Threats, Resisting and Delaying, and Vandalism.

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: West 8th Street and Broadway

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 1131 hours

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 17-00582

VICTIM: City of Chico

SUSPECT: George Lynch (DOB 12/10/1982)

NARRATIVE:

On 1/25/2017, at approximately 1015 hours, Chico Police units responded to 431 Orange Street on a report of a disturbance. Upon arrival, officers made contact with a subject by the name of George Lynch and his female companion. A records check on the female revealed several outstanding warrants for her arrest. She was arrested without incident while Lynch was sent on his way. At approximately 1131 hours, Lynch noticed a marked Chico Police vehicle parked in the parking lot of the downtown substation (441 Main Street). Lynch who was upset that his female companion was arrested, obtained a rock and smashed the windshield to the marked Chico Police vehicle. No officers were inside when the vandalism occurred. Witnesses then advised CPD of the incident and provided a direction of travel for Lynch.

Several CPD officers responded and noticed Lynch walking in the area of West 8th Street and Broadway. When officers attempted to contact Lynch, he began pounding on the window of a patrol vehicle which resulted in Lynch breaking a side mirror. Officers attempted to detain Lynch; however, he took a fighting stance while threatening bodily harm on them. Lynch ultimately swung at one officer but fortunately missed. As a result of Lynch's violent actions, the officer struck Lynch once in the leg once with a baton. Lynch immediately complied and was safely taken into custody. No officers were hurt during the altercation. Lynch received minor injuries and was medically cleared. Lynch was then transported to the Butte County Jail for violations of 69 PC – (Criminal Threats against on an Officer), 243 (b) PC – (Assault on an Officer), 148(a)(1) PC - (Obstructing and Delaying), and 594(b)(1) PC – (Vandalism).

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