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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Robbery / Assault

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1951 East 20th Street, Chico (Target)

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 03/16/17 2130

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 17-1849

VICTIM: Names withheld

SUSPECT: Unknown white male

NARRATIVE: On 03/16/17 at approximately 2130 hours, Chico Police were called to Target for a theft and assault which had just occurred. Police learned a male suspect had been in the electronics department. The male asked a female employee if he could look at an item which was inside a locked case. When the employee opened the case, the suspect pepper sprayed her. The suspect grabbed several items of electronics and started running toward a back exit of the store. On his way out of the store, the suspect bumped into a female customer and male loss prevention employee. The suspect pepper sprayed the customer and loss prevention employee. The suspect then ran out of the store toward Forest Avenue. The employees and customer received medical treatment at the store for the pepper spray exposure. A photograph of the suspect is attached. Chico Police are asking for assistance with identifying the male. Anyone who recognizes the suspect is asked to call Chico Police at (530) 897-4900.

Supervisor: Sgt. Prosise Watch Commander: Lt. Aldridge

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