



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4900

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Train Accident involving Pedestrian

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Between W. 5th & W. 7th Streets, Chico

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 3-17-17/9:53pm

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 17-1883

VICTIM: Martin Mikolajczak (DOB: 2-7-83)

NARRATIVE:

On March 17, 2017 at approximately 9:53pm, the Chico Police Department Dispatch Center was notified by Union Pacific Railroad of an accident involving a pedestrian between W. 5th & W. 7th Streets. Officers were dispatched and arrived quickly into the area. A search was completed for a victim and one was subsequently located. The victim was struck and killed by the train.

Information received from the train engineer point to the pedestrian having knowledge of the train coming his way, however, the pedestrian stayed on the railroad tracks. It is unknown if this was a suicide or if alcohol/drugs were a factor. An autopsy is scheduled at a later time to determine if alcohol/drugs were a factor.

The Butte County Sheriff's Department in cooperation with family members have been able to identify the victim as 34 year old Martin Mikolajczak.

The Chico Police Department would like to remind the public of the dangers associate with walking on the railroad tracks. The train traverses the City of Chico at a high speed and cannot stop quickly. Please use caution and obey all laws when crossing any and all railroad tracks.

Prepared By: Lt. Billy Aldridge

Date/Time: 3-20-17/2:40pm