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PRESS RELEASE

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Negligent Discharge of a Firearm

Chico, CA –

On 5-28-17 at approximately 0115 hours, Chico Police Department personnel were dispatched to 1253 W. 5th Street # 96 on a disturbance call. Dispatch received a call from AG Security advising there was a fight occurring inside of the apartment while they were breaking up a party at that location. While breaking up the party and dealing with the people fighting, AG Security deployed a Taser to stop the people from continuing to fight. Dispatch advised other callers from the area were reporting someone had fired a gun.

Officers arrived at the apartment complex where they dispersed the crowd and attempted to locate witnesses to a gun being fired. Officers were advised by people leaving the party that no one had a gun and the only sound they heard was the sound of the Taser being deployed. No victims were located and the officers left the scene.

At approximately 0129 hours, the Chico Police Department received a call from Enloe Medical Center regarding a victim of a gunshot wound. Officers responded to Enloe Medical Center where the victim was contacted. The victim had a non-life threatening wound to his left leg. He was treated and later released from the hospital.

Other Chico Police Department personnel responded back to the W. 5th Street location where they contacted the suspect. During the course of the investigation, officers were able to locate a 22 caliber revolver hidden inside the apartment. The investigation revealed that the suspect accidentally fired the handgun which inadvertently struck the victim while he was leaving the apartment. The suspect was arrested for negligent discharge of a firearm and booked at the Butte County Jail.

Location: 1253 W. 5th Street # 96, Chico, CA. 95926

Date/Time: 5/28/17 / 0115 hours

Incident Case Number : 17-3675

Victim : 23 year old male

Suspect : Christopher T. Patton (20 year old male)

Supervisor:

Watch Commander: