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Chico Police Officer Takes Heart-Pumping Life-Saving Action *--Quick Thinking & CPR Helps Save a Life --*

Chico, CA – Thanks to the quick thinking and emergency actions of a Chico Police officer, a man suffering a serious medical condition while at a local business is on the road to recovery.

On Wednesday, May 17, 2017, just after 1:30 AM, dispatchers put out an emergency call for help of a man having a seizure in the lobby of a local motel. That victim was reportedly no longer breathing.

Officer Alan Gilbert arrived to the scene just one minute later to find the victim still on the floor. The man had only agonal breathing; meaning 'a shallow breathing pattern that is often related to cardiac arrest and death,' nor did he have a pulse.

Upon assessing the situation, Officer Gilbert immediately began to perform Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on the victim and continued to do so until Fire/Medics arrived on-scene several minutes later. The male victim began breathing and had an autonomous heartbeat as fire personnel arrived.

A motel employee on scene said the male victim had entered the lobby to rent a room. He reportedly began showing signs of distress moments later and fell to the floor. That employee reports Officer Gilbert immediately began taking life-saving measures for the victim. The man was transported to a local hospital where several hours later he was reported to be in stable condition.

"Officer Gilbert is to be commended for his actions," said Chico Police Chief Michael O'Brien. "Each day our officers are called upon to serve the community in various capacities and that sometimes includes medical situations. We are proud Officer Gilbert is part of our family and of the work he performs for the citizens of Chico."

Officer Gilbert joined the Chico Police Department in September, 2015. Prior, he attended Butte Community College and spent four years as an officer with the City of Red Bluff.

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****Photo of Officer Alan Gilbert attached****

The Chico Police Department is committed to ensuring our community is a safe place to live, work, and recreate within!



Photo: Officer Alan Gilbert, Chico Police Department