



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: 5150 W&I – mentally ill subject

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Railroad trestle over Big Chico Creek / north of W. 1st Street, Chico.

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 12/17/16 1550 hours

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 16-9348

VICTIM: withheld

SUSPECT: N/A

NARRATIVE:

A Union Pacific Railroad conductor reported that his train narrowly missed a subject standing along the railroad tracks near the W. 1st Street intersection. Responding officers located the subject standing on the nearby railroad trestle that spans Big Chico Creek. The subject was extremely agitated, and would not comply with requests for him to walk off of the trestle and onto safer ground. The subject made a number of suicidal statements, and refused to leave trestle. The waters below the trestle were swollen from recent rains, and officers feared that subject intended to harm himself by jumping in.

Over a period of about 15 minutes officers were able to coax the subject into compliance. He was detained without further incident. Officers established that due to his mental state, the subject presented a serious danger to himself. The subject was then taken to an area hospital for evaluation.

In total, the Union Pacific railroad that passes through Chico was closed for approximately 20 minutes while officers detained the subject and cleared the scene.

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Date/Time: 12/17/16 1900 hours