



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Armed Robbery

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Near the intersection of E.4th St and Wall St.

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 3/20/15 / 0127 hrs.

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 15-1657

VICTIM: Withheld (Chico residents)

SUSPECT(s): Joshua Mercer (20 yrs old) / Andru Fredson (19 yrs old)

NARRATIVE: On 3/20/15 at 0127 hrs., CPD received a call from a male victim who reported that he and a friend had been robbed about 20 minutes ago in the area of E.4th and Wall St. The victim stated that after they had left a local bar, they were walking to their vehicle when they were confronted by two unknown suspects. One of the suspects brandished a knife and demanded that the victims give them all of their money. Both victims complied and gave them an undisclosed amount of money. The suspects were last seen running south through a city parking lot. The suspects were described as a white male adult, approximately 20 yrs. old, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, jeans and had a shaved head. The second suspect was described as a black male adult, 23-24 yrs. old, wearing a white sweatshirt, jeans, braided hair and a goatee.

Officer responded to the area and conducted an area check. They also contacted citizens in the area and provided them with a description of the suspects. A short time later, we received a report from a local bartender that there were two subjects in a downtown pizza restaurant that matched the suspect's description. Officers responded to the restaurant and detained the above listed suspects. Both victims were transported to that location where they positively identified Mercer and Fredson as the suspects who robbed them. Both suspects were found to be in possession of a knife and the stolen money was later recovered from Mercer's vehicle that was located nearby.

Both suspects were booked for armed robbery and taken to BCSO jail.

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