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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: 02/26/2019

On the above date at approximately 1915 hours two adult males entered the Rite Aid store at 650 Mangrove Ave. through the front doors then proceeded toward the pharmacy at the back of the store. Upon reaching the pharmacy, the two suspects jumped over the pharmacy counter and began ordering employees to tell them where to find specific narcotics. One employee was physically assaulted by one of the suspects.

After taking several different pharmaceuticals, the suspects fled the store using an emergency exit near the pharmacy. Witnesses were able to provide arriving officers the suspect's direction of travel as toward downtown. An extensive area check for the suspects was unsuccessful. However, witnesses leaving a nearby business saw two people matching the suspects description get into a white mid-size sedan bearing the license plate, 6NHA401. The license plate provided returned to an out of the area car dealership.

The Chico Police Department takes all criminal activity serious and will continue to investigate this robbery. Anyone with information about the above vehicle or the described suspects are encouraged to contact the Chico Police Department @ 530-897-4911.

UPDATE

After this incident occurred, Chico Police Detectives took over the investigation and subsequently identified one of the suspect's as being 23 year old Damian Hockaday. An arrest warrant was obtained for Hockaday and on 02-07-19 he was arrested in the City of Sacramento. Hockaday is currently in the Sacramento County Jail facing fresh charges and will ultimately be transported back to Butte County to face a single charge of robbery. The second suspect in this incident is still outstanding and his identity is unknown.

Location: 650 Mangrove Ave, Rite Aid, Chico CA.

Date/Time: 01/25/2019 @ approximately 1915 hours

Suspect 1: 23 year old Damian Hockaday,
North Highlands resident

Suspect 2: Male, black, approximately 20 years old,
black clothing, and a black beanie.

Suspect Vehicle: CA plate 6NHA401, 2001 Toyota Camry, white in color.

Supervisor: Sgt. Scott Harris

