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PRESS RELEASE

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Man arrested for battery on an officer and resisting with violence

Chico, CA – On 3/24/19, at 10:32 pm, a uniformed officer with the Chico Police Department on-viewed a shoplift-in-progress at the AM/PM mini market at 110 W. 9th Street in downtown Chico. The officer immediately recognized the suspect as 41 year-old Billy Faga, a homeless Chico resident. When the officer approached Faga and told him to stop, Faga charged at the officer. The officer deployed a Taser but it was ineffective. Faga swung at the officer several times, striking him once on the head. Undeterred, the officer successfully got Faga on the ground after a short, but violent, struggle. Assisting officers arrived and Faga was physically detained. After a medical clearance at Enloe Medical Center, Faga was booked at the Butte County Jail for the following charges: **Resisting arrest with violence, battery on a peace officer, violation of felony probation and shoplift.**

Notable in this incident is that, during the officer's struggle with Faga, prior to cover officers arriving, an unknown citizen on a bicycle assisted the officer in holding the struggling Faga on the ground. Additional citizens assisted by calling 911 and giving accurate information to dispatchers about the location of the fight. This allowed responding officers to have an accurate location of the officer in the struggle. The police department would like to express our gratitude for these citizens' assistance with this extremely violent act of civil disobedience by Faga. The unknown citizen bicyclist was not identified as he had left the scene prior to officers getting a statement from him.

Other than a few minor scrapes, no injury was sustained by the officer.

Location:	AM/PM mini mart 110 W. 9 th Street, downtown Chico
Date/Time:	3/24/19 2232 hours
Incident Case Number:	19-002038
Victim:	Withheld, State of California
Suspect 1:	Billy Joe Faga, a 41 year old transient Chico resident (booking photo attached).
Supervisor:	T. Tupper S11
Watch Commander:	M. Rodden C6



Billy Joe Faga 3/27/1977