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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Date: 4/24/2019

Case: 19-02891

### ***Occupied Stolen Vehicle Recovered***

**Chico, CA** – On Wednesday, April 24th , 2019 at about 12:15 AM, the Chico Police Department received a report a suspicious person following a female citizen in the 1500 block of W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The Chico Police Department had received similar reports in the area earlier in the evening. The suspect was described as a white adult male with shaggy brown hair. A responding officer observed a white Toyota Corolla leave the area westbound toward Chico River Road while arriving in the area. The reporting party stated that the suspect had entered an upstairs apartment briefly and left in the Toyota Corolla.

At approximately 2:22 AM, A Chico Police Officer observed a white Toyota Corolla traveling east on East Avenue near PV High School at speeds greater than 100 mph. The vehicle turned onto Wildwood Avenue before colliding with the closed gate at the entrance to the horse arena. The driver fled the area on foot, but was caught by the officer. The suspect was identified as JOEL BIGGINTON (21) of Chico. BIGGINTON was believed to have been under the influence of multiple illegal central nervous system stimulants. BIGGINTON was identified as the suspect who entered the residence in the 1500 block of W. 5th Street and stole the Toyota Corolla. While driving the stolen vehicle, BIGGINTON was involved in vehicle pursuits with Glenn County Sheriff Deputies, CHP Officers, and Butte County Sheriff Deputies prior to his apprehension. BIGGINTON was arrested for burglary, theft of a motor vehicle, unlawful evading in a motor vehicle, and driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of controlled substances.

Location: 1500 block of W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Wildwood Avenue, Chico  
Date/Time: 4/24/19 2:22 AM  
Victims: Withheld  
Suspect: JOEL BIGGINTON, 21 of Chico

Supervisor : Sergeant Dane Gregory  
Watch Commander: Commander Michael Rodden



JOEL RICHARD BIGGINTON  
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