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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: 10-14-19

Occupied Stolen Vehicle

On 10-14-19 at approximately 1255 hours, CPD officers were called to the area of North Valley Plaza, 801 East Avenue, for a report of a suspicious subject looking into parked vehicles. An off-duty employee of a business in the complex noticed the subject and provided a description to CPD. Before officers could arrive, the suspect gained entry into a parked vehicle and was able to start the vehicle using an altered vehicle key. The off duty employee was able to provide a description of the vehicle and direction of travel as CPD officers arrived in the area. Officers began checking the area and were updated from the off duty employee, who was following the vehicle, as to the location of the vehicle.

Officers located the vehicle near San Pablo Court and North Ave where a vehicle enforcement stop was conducted. The driver, identified as Connor Murgia, Age 26 of Chico, was detained without further incident. Murgia was found to be on Probation out of Butte County for Possession of a Stolen Vehicle. The owner of the vehicle arrived on scene and confirmed to CPD officers that he did not know Murgia nor did he give him permission to take the vehicle from the parking lot. Murgia was placed under arrest for Possession of a Stolen Vehicle and Probation Violation. He was ultimately transported to the Butte County Jail.

The Chico Police Department wishes to acknowledge the off duty employee who witnessed the suspicious activity and notified CPD. Had it not been for their observation and willingness to call the Chico Police Department to report such activity, a stolen car thief would have been successful in their crime.

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Location: North Valley Plaza, 801 East Avenue

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Victim: Withheld

Suspect: Connor Murgia, Age 26

Supervisor; Sgt. Jeff Durkin

Watch Commander: Cmdr. Jeramie Struthers

The Chico Police Department is committed to ensuring our community is a safe place to live, work, and recreate within!

Connor Murgia, Age 26

