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Man arrested for Resisting arrest with violence and Battery on a Peace Officer

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: 10/19/19

Chico, CA – On 10/19/19, at 1:27 p.m., a Chico Police Officer responded to the Tower Mart at 110 E. Park Avenue in Chico in response to a report of a transient man urinating on the outside wall of the business. The officer arrived and contacted 42 year old transient Marcus Atunez laying on the grass next to the business with open containers of alcohol. Atunez was immediately uncooperative with the officer and stood up to confront the him. Atunez took a fighting stance, threatened the officer and began throwing punches at him. Atunez failed to respond to multiple orders to stop and was subsequently taken to the ground and arrested. He continued to fight with the other responding officers, biting one officer on the leg. Atunez was arrested for the following charges:

Two counts of 69(a) PC; Resisting arrest by violence (felony)
Two counts of 243(b) PC; Battery on a peace officer
One count of 594(b) (2) PC; Vandalism

One officer received a minor injury but required no medical attention. Atunez received minor injuries and was booked at the Butte County Jail after a medical clearance at Enloe Medical Center.

The Chico Police Department would like to thank two Chico citizens who stopped to assist the officer during the incident. Though the officer had controlled Atunez by the time they arrived, their assistance could have been critical to the safety of the officer if the fight had been prolonged.

Location: 110 E. Park Avenue, Chico
Date/Time: 10/19/19 1327 hours
Suspect: Marcus Atunez; 42 year-old Transient man from Oroville
Supervisor: T. Tupper S11
Watch Commander: M. Williams C9



Marcus Atunez

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