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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Two Shoplifters in Custody**

Date 03/06/2019

**\*CORRECTED-UPDATED INFORMATION\***

On 03/06/2019, CPD was contacted by one of the listed suspects, Hans Russell, from the original press release. Russell advised CPD that he was not arrested and was not involved in this incident. CPD officers confirmed his ID and cleared him of any involvement in this incident. The male subject who was originally contacted by officers during this incident had provided the name of Hans Russell to CPD officers.

After that subject was released, CPD officers were able to positively identify the male subject as Wesley Willmon, Age 42 years old. Willmon is currently wanted for several outstanding warrants and his current whereabouts are unknown at this time. If anyone has information on Willmon's whereabouts, please contact CPD.

Date: 03/05/2019

On 03/05/2019, at approximately 1358 hours, Chico Police Officers responded to Home Depot, 2580 Notre Dame Blvd, for a report of a shoplift that had just occurred. Prior to officers arriving on scene, one of the suspects fled from the business on foot and the other in an associated vehicle. Officers began checking the area for both suspects. An extensive area check was conducted. One of the suspects, later identified as Hans Russell, Age 41, was contacted at a nearby business. The second suspect, later identified as Catherine Russell, Age 36, was contacted leaving the scene in a vehicle. Both suspects were detained without incident. Both were later positively identified as the involved suspects by employees from Home Depot. Both suspects were placed under arrest for shoplifting.

We encourage businesses to participate in the prosecution of any and all thefts. The business community within the City of Chico is actively participating in the Retail Watch Program which seeks to reduce overall thefts and hold suspects accountable.

### **Chico, CA –**

Location: Home Depot, 2480 Notre Dame Blvd.

Date/Time: 03/05/2019 1358 hours

Victim: Home Depot

Suspect: Hans Russell, Age 41 and Catherine Russell, Age 36

Supervisor: Sgt. Jeff Durkin

Watch Commander: Cmdr. Billy Aldridge



Catherine Russell, Age 31.

Hans Russell, Age 41 (NO PICTURE AVAILABLE)