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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Chico, CA** – Over the past month, Chico Police Detectives have been investigating a string of armed robberies. The first robbery occurred on 02-17-19 at the 7-11 store located at 1<sup>st</sup> and Main Street. During that robbery a male suspect armed with a firearm entered the business and demanded cash from the clerk. The clerk complied, and the suspect fled the store with an undisclosed amount of cash. Over the next month, three additional robberies occurred and three different businesses in Chico. The last being an attempted robbery at the Safeway gas station located on East Ave. Again, the suspect entered the store armed with a handgun and demanded cash from the clerk.

Shortly after this robbery occurred, Detectives developed information that a subject named Andrew Shephard was possibly the suspect who committed the robberies. On 03-15-19, Detectives spotted Shephard riding a bicycle and subsequently contacted him with the assistance of patrol officers. Shephard had an outstanding warrant for his arrest from an unrelated prior incident and was arrested for the warrant and taken to Chico PD.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for Shepard's residence, in an attempt to locate evidence linking him to the robberies. At the conclusion of the search warrant, Shepard was arrested and booked on 3 counts of armed robbery and a single count of attempted robbery. He was then transported to Butte County Jail.

Location: Multiple locations in the City of Chico

Suspect: 36 year old, Andrew Martin Shephard, Chico Resident

Supervisor: Sgt. Scott Harris



Andrew Shephard