



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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Case #11-8584

On Friday evening, Nov. 18, 2011, CPD received a report from a 13 year old male that he had been attacked shortly before 1950 hours in Bidwell Park. The incident is reported to have occurred in the area of South Park Drive near the bike path that runs along the east side of the Deer Pens. The child had been riding his bicycle when he saw a white male adult (WMA) near the bike path. The adult male asked the child a question so the child stopped. The WMA then grabbed the child off of his bicycle and began dragging him into the bushes. The victim struggled and broke free to flee the area. CPD officers investigating searched the area but were unable to locate a suspect. It should be noted that this area very dark as the lighting is poor.

Suspect Description: WMA, 5'9"-5'11", unknown age, wearing a dark jacket (possibly camouflage fleece), dark pants, tennis shoes (unk. color), and a black beanie or ski cap. The suspect also reportedly smelled of marijuana.

Case #11-8145

On Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 1, 2011, a 12 year old female reported she was jogging in Bidwell Park at shortly after 1500 hours when she was accosted by a white male adult (WMA). This also occurred on South Park Drive near the same bike path. That WMA said something to the victim and then began chasing her and attempted to grab her. She continued running and got the attention of white female adult who was riding a mountain bike. The female bicyclist stopped to assist the girl, causing the WMA to flee. That adult stayed with the victim until the rest of the victim's running group arrived. The white female adult assisted, but left prior to police arrival and she has not been identified. CPD detectives would like to speak with her as a potential witness. CPD detectives are following up on leads in this case.

Suspect Description: WMA, 5'6", 40-50 years old, graying brown hair, unshaven, wearing a dirty blue t-shirt with holes in it, and no shoes. The victim described him as transient.

Anyone with any information about either of these incidents is encouraged to contact the Chico Police Department Detective Bureau at 897-5820. Suspicious people in that area should be reported to the police at 897-4911 for a patrol officer response.

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