



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4941

Type of event: Burglary interrupted- Suspect sought
Case no: 11-9296
Date/time: 12/19/2011 0411 hrs
Location: Poppy View Terrace, Chico
Suspects: 1. McGregor, Matthew Brandt. Age 37 of Chico (IN CUSTODY)
2. Varao, Freddie Joseph Age 44 of Chico (OUTSTANDING)
Charges: 459 PC- Burglary and 2800 CVC- Evading arrest.

On 12/19/2011 at 0411 hrs, Chico Police Dispatch received a telephone call reporting a possible burglary in progress near Poppy View Terrace off of E. 20th Street. The caller reported that they could see two subjects in dark clothing taking items from two construction trailers. As Officers were arriving, the caller stated that the suspects were seen getting into a dark colored van and leaving the area w/b on E. 20th.

Officer Dale Prosize spotted the suspect vehicle near E. 20th and Bruce Road. He and other officers conducted a high risk stop on the vehicle near 20th and Notre Dame Blvd. The driver initially stopped but then fled in the vehicle w/b on E. 20th Street. Officers pursued the vehicle w/b on 20th Street until it reached Normal Street. There, the vehicle collided with a fence. Both the driver and the passenger fled from the vehicle on foot, running in opposite directions. Officers caught the passenger, Matthew McGregor a short distance away. The driver escaped.

Inside the vehicle, officers recovered several items of stolen property, including construction tools and other items which were determined to have been stolen from two different enclosed trailers in the Poppy View Terrace neighborhood.

Officers later identified the driver as **Freddi Varao**, age 37 of Chico. Varao is now wanted for burglary and evading arrest. His photograph is being released to the media in the hopes that it will lead to his arrest. Anyone with information regarding his whereabouts is asked to contact the Chico Police Department at 895-4911.

For media inquiries, please contact Sgt. Rob Merrifield at 897-4941

###

Supervisor:

Watch Commander:

Prepared By: Sgt. Rob Merrifield

Date/Time: 12/19/2011 1045 hrs

CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4941



Supervisor:

Prepared By: Sgt. Rob Merrifield

Watch Commander:

Date/Time: 12/19/2011 1045 hrs