



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4941

Type of incident: Subject arrested for resisting arrest, vandalism and attempting to take Officer's gun.
Date/time: 11/7/2011 at 0823 hrs
Location: City Plaza
Case No: 11-8288
Suspect: Leaird, Steven Richard. DOB: 08/07/1972. Transient
Charges: 148 PC- Resisting arrest
148(d) PC- Attempt to take Officers firearm. (Felony.)
594 PC- Vandalism.

Case summary:

On 11/7/2011 at 0823 hrs, Officers received a report of a possible vandalism incident in the City Plaza. When Officers arrived, they contacted the reporting party. The reporting party told Officers that he was associated with the Occupy Chico protest and that the suspect had intentionally knocked over a display and had threatened him. The reporting party wished to press charges for vandalism.

Moments later, Officers located the suspect (later identified as Steven Leaird) a short distance away. The suspect was immediately uncooperative with Officers and violently resisted when they attempted to arrest him for the vandalism. During the struggle, the suspect attempted to take one Officer's gun from his holster. The Officers were able to prevent the suspect from taking the weapon. The suspect was eventually detained in handcuffs.

He was transported to Chico PD for booking on the charges listed above. He was later transported to the Butte County Jail. None of the Officers were seriously injured in the incident.

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

Watch Commander:

Prepared By: Sgt. Rob Merrifield

Date/Time: 11/7/2011 1545 hrs.