



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4941

Type of Incident: Man armed with knife taken into protective custody
Case no: 12-0258
Location: 136 W. Lassen Ave
Date/time: 1/11/2012 0808 hrs
Subject: Name with-held

Incident summary:

On 1/11/2012, just after 8 a.m. Chico Police responded to a report of a man armed with a knife threatening family members outside an apartment at 136 W. Lassen Ave in north Chico. The man was reportedly trying to get inside a family members apartment. On Officers arrival, they found a 43 year old male standing outside the apartment. The man was still armed with the knife and behaving strangely. The man refused to put the knife down and was uncooperative.

Officer Kevin Bartine, a Police Negotiator and member the Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.) was on scene and began negotiating with the subject. Crisis Intervention Team members are trained in techniques for de-escalating situations involving individuals in serious mental health crisis.

After about 10 minutes, the man was convinced to put the knife down. He was detained. He was taken into protective custody for a mental health evaluation and treatment. No criminal charges are pending and no-one was injured in the encounter.

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

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Supervisor:

Watch Commander:

Prepared By: Sgt. Rob Merrifield

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