



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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**TYPE OF INCIDENT: Commercial Burglary, Identity Theft, Forgery,
Unlawful use of a Debit/Credit Card**

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Chico Area

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: October - 2016

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 16-8044

VICTIM: Multiple

SUSPECT: Jimmy Wheat, 52 years old, Resident of Paradise Ca.

NARRATIVE:

In November 2016, Chico Police Detectives conducted an investigation in regards to a subject who was stealing checks from mailboxes, altering the checks, and depositing them into their personal checking account. The same subject also used a Debit/Credit Card, which had been lost by the victim, to make multiple purchases throughout the Chico area.

After contacting multiple victims and numerous local businesses where these stolen items were passed, the investigation identified 52 year old Jimmy Wheat as the suspect. On 12/13/2016, Chico Police Detectives located Jimmy Wheat and arrested him without incident.

Wheat was charged with six counts of Commercial Burglary, four counts of Unlawful Use of a Debit/Credit Card, two counts of Forgery, and two counts of Identity Theft. Wheat was booked into the Butte County Jail and his bail was set at \$90,000.

If anyone has any additional information that pertains to the above investigation, please contact the Chico Police Department Detective Unit at 897-5820.

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