



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4900

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Missing juveniles and adults.

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: An unknown section of Underwood Road in Humboldt County CA, and a short distance from Highway 299 in the Willow Creek area.

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 02/18/17 at 1600 hours, until 02/19/17 at 1030 hours.

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 17-1212

Missing juveniles: 7 boys and girls ranging in ages from 13-17.

Missing adults: Boys and Girls Club of the North Valley (Chico) staff members Pedro Escamilla, Natalie Calcutta, and Anna Pryor.

Vehicle: 2012 Ford Econoline van labeled Boys and Girls Club of the North Valley.
California Lic: 6TTT900

NARRATIVE:

A potentially tragic decision to drive into the mountains of Humboldt County during inclement weather resulted in 7 juveniles, and 3 adult *Boys and Girls Club of the North Valley* staff members being stranded overnight inside their vehicle. Their adventure began on 02/18/17 at approximately 0700 hours when the group traveled in the above listed van from Chico, to Humboldt State University via Highway 36. The group arrived safely, and participated in a university organized tour of the campus. At about 1600 hours, they began their return to Chico. Their route of return was not immediately clear, however, they ended up stranded in the snow somewhere on Underwood Road in Humboldt County.

During the early morning hours of 02/19/17, parents of the children began contacting CPD and advising that the group had yet to return to Chico. The CPD Dispatch Center coordinated with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department and the CHP offices in Humboldt, Ukiah, and Chico. Deputies and Officers began searching the Humboldt County mountain passes for the group and their vehicle. At approximately 1030 hours, a CPD officer was able to make cellular phone contact with the missing group. Staff advised that an unknown "Good Samaritan" pulled their

Prepared By: Sgt. B. Miller

Watch Commander: Lt. Greg Keeney

Date/Time: 02/19/17 1330 hours

CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4900

van out of the snow where they were stuck and stranded overnight on Underwood Road. Staff confirmed the entire group of 10 spent the night inside the van, but they were all safe and uninjured. They also advised they would have called sooner, however, the area they were stranded in did not have cellular network coverage.

CPD officers directed staff to transport the juveniles to the nearby town of Willow Creek to await Humboldt County deputy and CHP officer contact. Law enforcement subsequently contacted the group and confirmed the children safe.

Due to the forecast of continued foul weather, Boys and Girls Club of the North Valley administration coordinated with their sister agency in Humboldt County. With parental notification and consent, The Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods took custody of the children shortly before this press release.

Prepared By: Sgt. B. Miller

Watch Commander: Lt. Greg Keeney

Date/Time: 02/19/17 1330 hours