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District Attorney Mike Ramsey today announced that the juveniles arrested in Chico for a series of burglaries in the Waterford Drive and Godman Avenue area of north Chico earlier this month admitted those crimes in Butte County Juvenile Court yesterday.

The juveniles, boys ages 14 and 15, were found guilty in court of ten residential burglaries each stemming from their March 10, 2011 arrest by detectives of the Butte County Sheriff's Department. On March 9th and 10th 2011, the Sheriff's Office received numerous reports of residential homes which had been forcibly broken into and property was taken. The burglaries were concentrated in the small north Chico geographic area. Detectives subsequently located the two boys in the vicinity who fled upon seeing the officers. The boys were found hiding in bushes and later admitted to committing the 10 burglaries. Ramsey commended the exhaustive efforts put forth by the Sheriff's Office to recover the stolen property and return it to the numerous victims.

Ramsey said the boys were runaways from Glenn County and the final sentencing per juvenile law will occur in the Glenn County Juvenile Court. Neither juvenile is facing time in the Department of Juvenile Justice (formally CYA) because the burglary charges aren't deemed "serious" offenses by the legislature. Therefore, the sentencing options in the Glenn County court will be based on a review of whether the minors will benefit from the "education, treatment and rehabilitation" programs offered in Glenn County.