

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MEDIA RELEASE

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On 12/23/10, about 2:15PM, deputies responded to the area of Oro-Quincy Highway and Arbol Avenue in Oroville as a result of local residents calling The Butte County Sheriff's Office to report two Asian males in the area burglarizing a home. Upon arriving, deputies canvassed the area, searching for the described individuals. Deputies had resumed normal patrol duties until another alert resident called The Sheriff's Office about 3:55PM to report an Asian male in his back yard attempting to hide. Deputies once again responded and deployed a specially trained Sheriff's K9. After a successful K9 track, Deputies detained and later arrested Foua Xiong, born 10/24/88, for burglary of an occupied residence at 2601 Oro-Quincy Highway in Oroville, California. Xiong will be held in the Butte County Jail on \$100,000 bail. All of the victims' property was recovered and returned to the rightful owner. A stolen car was discovered in the area as well and was later returned to the registered owner. The ongoing investigation will determine whether or not the vehicle was involved in the crime Xiong is being held for. The other male is still outstanding; if you have any further information regarding this crime please contact the watch commander at the Sheriff's Office at (530)538-7321.

Update to previous media release dated 12/23/10:

On 1/7/11, about 7:00AM, the Butte County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant on the homes of four males linked to crimes of robbery, burglary and theft in the Oroville area and recovered four stolen firearms, narcotics and other items known to be stolen. Tong Xiong (DOB: 5/28/88) and Tua Xiong (DOB: 10/8/92) were arrested at 2707 Fay Way, Oroville for being in possession of stolen property and Pong Xiong (DOB: 2/6/90) was arrested at 2111 B Street also for being in possession of stolen property. They are each being held on \$15,000 bail which is subject to adjustment. More charges and arrest warrants are pending further investigation into the

information gathered as a result of today's action. The other two addresses searched were 2072 B Street where a gun was recovered and 2241 Ithica Street where there was no property found or arrests made.

This morning's search warrant was the culmination of a two week investigation spearheaded by Deputy Dave Ennes that started with the arrest of Foua Xiong on 12/23/10. Deputy Ennes used surveillance photos gathered as evidence at previous crime scenes, interviews with crime victims, witnesses, people associated with the arrestees and area residents to gather the necessary evidence for the search of four properties to include the residents, outbuildings and associated vehicles. The successful and simultaneous search of the four properties was realized with the coordination and assistance of the Butte County Sheriff's SWAT team, Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force, Butte County Sheriff's Felony Investigations Unit, Butte County Sheriff's Gang Investigations Unit, Butte County District Attorney's HEAT Team, selected members of the Sheriff's Targeted Enforcement Program team and patrol deputies. The cooperation and assistance of the community also played a key role in the success of this operation and is appreciated in the continuing investigation and action to recover this property and solve outstanding crimes.

If you have any information regarding these crimes or any criminal activity, you are encouraged to call the Sheriff's office at any time at (530)538-7321.