

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

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On May 20, 2011 at about 8:30 p.m., Butte County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the area of Guynn Ave. and St. Clair Dr., Chico, on a report of a man down.

Deputies arrived on scene and found 34 year old Christopher Mattoon, of Chico, with significant injuries to his face and head.

Deputies learned from witnesses that while riding his bike through the neighborhood, Mattoon was the victim of an assault. After attacking Mattoon, the suspect fled in a dark colored, possibly a late-model Mazda, hatchback-style vehicle. The suspect was described by witnesses as a white male adult with long dark hair that appeared to be pulled back into a bun. Additionally, the suspect had "scruffy" facial hair. The suspect appeared to be 5'6" to 5'8" tall, and weighed approximately 180 pounds.

As of the time of this press release Mattoon remains hospitalized while recovering from injuries sustained as a result of the attack.

Anyone with information related to or identifying a possible suspect in this case is urged to contact Detective Philip Wysocki at 530-538-7671.