

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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On May 2, 2009 at approximately 8:40 p.m. the Butte County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call. The caller said there was a physical altercation involving several individuals in the 4400 block of Lincoln Blvd, Oroville.

Upon arrival, deputies located two male subjects fleeing from the scene and detained them. One of the males was indentified as a juvenile and the other was identified as , age 18. The juvenile was found to be in possession of a handgun that was concealed in his front pocket.

Deputies also located two male victims on scene who were both bleeding from injuries they sustained during the altercation. After a preliminary investigation, deputies learned that the victims were approached and assaulted by three male suspects. One of the victims was hit over the head with a large rock and one of the juveniles attempted to take his wallet, but was unsuccessful. The other male victim also sustained injuries during the assault. Both victims were transported to Oroville Hospital for treatment and later released.

The juvenile was arrested and booked into Juvenile Hall. He was charged with attempted robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, carrying a concealed firearm and assault with great bodily injury. Kenneth Ferrell was arrested and booked into the BCSO Jail for assault with a deadly weapon and conspiracy to commit a felony. Bail was set at \$45,000. The third male in this case has been identified as a juvenile and the Sheriff's Office is actively seeking this individual for questioning. This incident is still under investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Butte County Sheriff's Office at 538-7321.