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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **CHARGES FILED ON TWO JUVENILES FOR CARJACKING AND ROBBERY**

The Butte County District Attorney's office today filed charges against two Chico teenagers for a violent carjacking and earlier unrelated robbery from last Friday, September 15, 2023.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the juveniles, ages 16 and 17, are accused of the carjacking of a 68-year-old resident of Chico in the victim's driveway in the 1200 block of Whitewood Way in Chico at approximately 10:00 p.m. The teenagers, dressed in dark clothing and masks, accosted the victim as he got out of his car in his driveway. During the carjacking, the victim was stabbed in the abdomen by one of the juveniles and sustained a non-life-threatening injury. The victim however was able to hit one of the juveniles over the head with his cane before they took his car. Chico police officers found the victim, who was then transported to the hospital and had to undergo surgery for his injuries.

Officers made a sweep of the area and found the victim's stolen vehicle driving nearby shortly after the stabbing. The juveniles then engaged officers in a 15-mile pursuit in north Chico that ended after officers deployed spike strips to disable the vehicle. The juveniles abandoned the car and fled on foot, but were apprehended by officers a short distance away.

During the investigation of the carjacking, it was determined that earlier the same day at approximately 4:00 p.m. these same juveniles had forcibly taken a phone and backpack from a 15-year-old high school foreign exchange student as the student walked home from school in the 2900 block of Ceanothus Avenue. One of the juvenile suspects had personal property of this additional victim on his person at the time he was taken into custody for the carjacking. Additional property belonging to the high school student was later found in the same juvenile suspect's home.

The juveniles have been charged with carjacking with a knife causing great bodily injury, robbery, evading officers, and resisting arrest. Both are currently being housed at the Butte County Juvenile Hall. Their initial detention hearing will be in Butte County Juvenile Court on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.