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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Chico Youth Charged in Teichert Ponds Shooting**

A 16-year-old Chico juvenile was formally charged today with murder and assault with a firearm for shooting two homeless victims at a Teichert Ponds homeless encampment in Chico earlier this month.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the 16-year-old boy will be arraigned on the charges tomorrow in Butte County Juvenile Court.

Ramsey said the case started on September 4, 2021 at approximately 2:30 a.m. when Chico Police responded to a shooting at a homeless camp near Teichert Ponds. Officers arrived approximately three minutes after receiving emergency calls and discovered two victims had been shot. One of the victims, Guy Vanzant, 53, of Chico, was declared dead at the scene. The second victim, a 47-year-old Chico man, suffered several gunshot wounds and was taken to Enloe Medical Center.

Witnesses in the area said that just prior to the shooting, a group of four juvenile males, including the shooter, walked past the victims' encampment. After passing the encampment, multiple shots were fired. The investigation revealed only one firearm was used in the shooting.

Ramsey said, "Through the hard work of the Chico Police Department the shooter was identified and detained." The other juveniles are considered witnesses at this point.

Ramsey said due to the violence displayed, his office would request the juvenile be evaluated in the juvenile court to determine if he should be tried as an adult.

The juvenile was arrested Friday, September 17, 2021 in Chico and remains at the Butte County Juvenile Hall.