



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4900

TYPE OF INCIDENT: "Creepy Clown" threats make it to Chico

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: East Avenue area

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 9/4/16 2100 hrs.

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 162780332

NARRATIVE:

We were starting to feel a little left out. It seems that every community in the country has been subjected to some sort of "Creepy Clown" threat. Looks like the phenomena has finally reached Chico.

Last night someone shared a screenshot of a Facebook post suggesting that a clown had been seen on East Avenue holding a knife. A short time later, the post was taken down and nobody, clown or otherwise was found/seen on East Avenue with a knife. We have found nothing to indicate that there was merit to the report/threat.

There are some creeps in the world who enjoy seizing on a craze like this clown thing to create fear. They enjoy making people feel scared and seem to need the attention. Maybe they don't have anything better to do?

There have been communities where people dressed as clowns have committed crimes. However, that hasn't happened here and the incidents nationally have been greatly exaggerated. In addition to the general fear that this clown business can cause, there is a cost. The time that Police spend chasing down these reports is time that could be better spent on real crime.

We want you to call us if there is a crime or if you see something that causes you to believe that you or someone else is in danger. The Chico Police Department takes threats to our community seriously. We will respond and we will handle it.

As a brother Officer and trusted Facebook source from the Bangor Maine Police Department said, "Do not believe everything you see and hear from others. Judge situations and people by their own merit. Don't feed the frenzy."

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