



# ROHNERT PARK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES

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## PRESS RELEASE

### *Prowler Arrested at Rohnert Park Apartment Complex*

#### **For Immediate Release**

**Wednesday, August 02, 2017 12:51 PM**

**Case# RP17-3166**

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**Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm**

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ROHNERT PARK - Rohnert Park Public Safety Officers responded to a call for a suspicious person at the Windsong apartment complex shortly before 9:30 this morning. The reporting party said that a Hispanic male adult with long hair and wearing a red hat was running around the apartment complex yelling at residents.

Investigating officers arrived in the area and met a maintenance person who said that in addition to the Hispanic male, two African American males were in the complex acting erratic. These two men were not located. The maintenance person said that the men had hidden a bag next to one of the apartment buildings, behind a fence which enclosed the building's utilities. A work crew nearby directed officers to the location of the bag, which contained holiday decorations the officers suspected had been stolen, then hidden.

The officers walked through the complex and found 25 year old Rohnert Park resident, Christian Slayback, who was on foot in the complex. Slayback had long hair and was wearing a red hat, and matched the description of that given by the reporting party. When contacted, he immediately said he'd done nothing wrong and tried to walk past the officers. He gave a rambling statement about helping a friend try and locate property that had been stolen from her. Slayback said that he did not live in the complex, and he could not elaborate on where his friends lived, or where he was coming from when the officers first saw him.

Officers spoke with witnesses who said that Slayback was walking through the complex looking around, and when they questioned him regarding the legitimacy of his presence on the property, Slayback could not give a reason why he was there, and he quickly walked away. The work crew said that they had seen Slayback hide the bag containing the decorations in the spot where officers found it.

Based on witness statements, Slayback's evasive demeanor, and the fact that he did not live in the complex and that there have been other daytime thefts and burglaries in the vicinity, officers believed he was in the area to commit thefts. Slayback was arrested on suspicion of prowling. During questioning, Slayback denied having stolen the bag of decorations. He said that someone else had stolen the bag from his friend, and that he had placed it there so he could later return it to his friend's storage unit. Slayback had a black computer bag containing a Nintendo game cube and wires when he was taken into custody.



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We suspect that there may be thefts and or burglaries that occurred this morning, which may not have yet been reported. Anyone living in the Windsong or Emerald Point apartment complexes that have been victims of theft last night or today, or whom may have seen suspicious activity, are encouraged to call PSO Layn at (707) 588-3564.

The Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety is committed to making Rohnert Park the safest City on the 101.

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