

## Chico still fairly tame before midnight Friday

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CHICO — Police said Friday night was busy, but not out of control, as Halloween revelers kicked off the first of what is expected to be a three-day celebration downtown and in areas west of the Chico State University campus.

Many hit local bars and parties in costume. Some said they had a different outfit for each night, and planned to celebrate through the weekend.

Planning their night just outside a shop in the Phoenix Building, Paradise residents Samantha Grado, Melissa Dugan and Crystal Black said they were contemplating a four-day Halloween celebration.

"We actually started Thursday night," said Grado, who was sporting bunny ears. All three girls go to Butte College.

At 10 p.m., Lt. Linda Dye, incident commander for Halloween, said, except for the costumes, it pretty much looked like a typical Friday night. She said police were keeping an eye on a few parties that, as of 11 p.m., seemed to be remaining small and under control.

The Chico police Target team responded to a call of a minor in possession of alcohol on West 11th Street about 9:40 p.m. Dye said the youth was cited.

At 10:40 p.m., another minor, reportedly from Los Gatos, was cited for being in possession of alcohol

at Second and Ivy streets.

At 10:45 p.m., a female inside the Five and Eye/Island Grille was reportedly very intoxicated and required medical assistance for a possible alcohol overdose.

At 11 p.m., a person was reported as being unconscious from unknown causes at

the corner of Cherry and West Seventh Street.

Around 11:15 p.m., two males were stabbed in the backyard of a home near Fifth and Hazel streets. One man was stabbed in the hand and the other had multiple stab wounds to his stomach. Both men were taken to Enloe Medical Center. As of 11:30 p.m., there was one possible suspect detained at Sixth and Ivy streets.

While it wasn't much in evidence Friday night, police said the biggest unknown factor connected with Halloween is how many out-of-town celebrants will come to Chico.

Dye said a larger law enforcement presence will be noticed in Chico tonight and Sunday.