

# **BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE : 01-26-11**

**SUBJECT: Oroville Vehicle Pursuit**

**RELEASED BY: Sgt. Derek Bell**

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On Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 1:58 a.m., Butte County Sheriff's Deputy B.Cornelius, conducted a check on a license plate attached to a 1996 Honda Accord. When the information from the license plate check was not a match to the Honda Accord, Deputy Cornelius conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle to investigate further. The Honda Accord, occupied by two male subjects, yielded at Hwy 70 and Montgomery St. in Oroville. As Deputy Cornelius began to exit his patrol vehicle, the Honda Accord fled at a high rate of speed, driving eastbound on Montgomery St. Deputy Cornelius pursued the vehicle reaching speeds in excess of 70 mph. The Honda Accord continued eastbound on Montgomery St. until it came upon Washington Ave., at which time the vehicle struck the curb of the roundabout, flattening both front tires, and came to a stop in the middle of Washington Ave. When Deputy Cornelius approached the vehicle, he found that both occupants had fled the scene. A witness reported that the two occupants had fled the area running eastbound on Montgomery St. Sheriff's deputies, as well as officers from Oroville Police Department, conducted a check of the area, but were unable to locate the subjects.

A subsequent check of the vehicle identification number (VIN) on the Honda returned as a reported stolen vehicle from Chico. The pursuit lasted approximately 2 minutes and covered approximately 1.5 miles. No other vehicles were damaged and no citizens were injured during this pursuit.

The investigation into the identity of the driver and occupant is ongoing. Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Butte County Sheriff's Office at (530) 538-7321.

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