

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

**JERRY W. SMITH
SHERIFF-CORONER**



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On January 21, 2011, at approximately 1530 hours, Butte County Sheriff's Deputies Brad Meyer, Derek Ament and Silver Paley responded to 1890 Farris Road in Gridley for a report of a wanted individual who was at that location. Joshua Lance Cooper age 32 of Gridley was wanted on a felony arrest warrant for possession of stolen property and weapons violations.

Upon arrival, deputies located a vehicle registered to Cooper on the property. The doors to this vehicle were standing open and the key was in the ignition. Cooper was not initially located and it appeared that Cooper had been with the vehicle upon the deputies arrival and fled prior to contact.

A search of the surrounding area was conducted by the deputies. Deputy Meyer used his Police Service Dog, Jacks, to assist in searching fields and creeks in the immediate area. After approximately an hour and a half, Deputy Meyer's Police Service Dog located Cooper hiding in thick berry bushes approximately 150 yards from the residence. Cooper was fighting with the dog and refused to comply with deputies commands. Cooper received bites from the Police Service Dog and after a brief struggle was taken into custody. Cooper received minor injuries from the incident and was treated and released at a local hospital.

Cooper was arrested on his outstanding felony arrest warrant and a fresh misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest. Cooper was transported to the Butte County Jail where he was booked.