

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MEDIA RELEASE

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SUBJECT: C12-10118 – Oroville Pursuit

On Thursday January 5, 2012 at 12:24 pm, Butte County Sheriff's Deputy S. Carpenter observed a white Mazda Miata parked suspiciously behind the South Side Mini Market at the corner of Wyandotte Avenue and Meyers Street, in South Oroville. Deputy Carpenter parked his marked patrol vehicle near the suspicious vehicle and walked toward a man and a woman standing next to the passenger side of the car.

As Deputy Carpenter approached, the man later identified as Paul Samuel Rose, an unemployed 36 year old Chico resident, ran to the driver's door of the suspicious vehicle and got into the car. Rose turned his body around in the driver's seat, looked out the back of the Miata in the direction of Deputy Carpenter, who was in full Sheriff's uniform, and backed the Miata up at Deputy Carpenter. Deputy Carpenter was able to avoid being struck by the Miata as Rose stopped backing up and started forward. Deputy Carpenter ordered Rose out of the vehicle but Rose drove away.

Deputy Carpenter returned to his marked patrol car, and pursued Rose south on Meyers St. When Rose got to Lincoln, he turned the Miata southbound on Lincoln driving in the northbound lanes. Butte County Sheriff's Deputy J. Brazzi was driving northbound on Lincoln, in the northbound lanes, when Rose passed Deputy Brazzi. Deputy Brazzi turned around and pursued Rose, now ahead of Deputy Carpenter.

Rose continued southbound on Lincoln Boulevard, and returned to the southbound lanes in the area of Mill St. Deputies continued to pursue Rose south on Lincoln as he attempted to pass an

uninvolved vehicle on the right shoulder of Lincoln Boulevard south of Monte Vista Avenue, lost control of the Miata and slid through a fence on the west side of Lincoln. Rose continued fleeing in the Miata west through the field south of the cemetery. Rose wrecked the Miata in a grove of oak trees east of the railroad and fled on foot. Deputies Brazzi and Carpenter pursued Rose on foot through the field westbound, and north along the tracks. Other Butte County Sheriff's Deputies, Detectives and California Highway Patrol Officers were converging on the area, and Rose stopped running and laid down on the west side of the railroad tracks behind 5425 Baggett-Marysville Road. Rose was taken into custody without further struggle, but was found to be incoherent. Medical assistance was requested, and Rose was transported to an area hospital for treatment. Medical personnel determined his condition to be significant enough to warrant his admission to the hospital.

Due to Rose's medical condition he was released from the custody of the Sheriff's Office for medical treatment. The Sheriff's Office will be requesting the District Attorney file charges of violating felony 245(c) of the Penal Code, assaulting a Peace Officer with a deadly weapon (the vehicle), felony 2800.2(a) of the Vehicle Code, willfully fleeing a Peace Officer while driving with wanton disregard for the safety of others, and misdemeanor 11550 of the Health and Safety Code, being under the influence of a controlled substance.

This was the second instance today where Butte County Sheriff's Deputies encountered subjects in Oroville who were suspected to be significantly under the influence of stimulants, with extremely high heart rates and varied levels of incoherence. Any use of narcotics, especially central nervous system stimulants, is dangerous to begin with. However, there have been instances in the past where methamphetamine was sold with poor quality cutting agents that caused medical problems beyond those normally associated with narcotics use. The public needs to be aware that when purchasing and using these illicit substances, the quality and contents are subject to question.