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On June 14th at approximately 10:40 pm Butte County Sheriff's Deputy B. Gassaway observed a vehicle run the stop sign at Boucher Street and Humboldt Avenue in Chico. The vehicle nearly collided with Deputy Gassaway's patrol car and continued west bound on Humboldt at a high rate of speed. Deputy Gassaway attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle, but the vehicle failed to yield. A vehicle pursuit ensued through the streets of Chico which led to Hwy 32 (towards Glenn County). Top speeds reached approximately 75 miles per hour on Hwy 32. The pursuit continued into Glenn County, through the streets of Hamilton City and then back into Butte County on Hwy 32. Spike strips were successfully deployed on the vehicle just east of the town of Nord, on Nord Hwy. The solo occupant of the vehicle (Johnny Cabrera 22 years of age) was taken into custody without incident (on Nord Hwy) after coming to a stop when the vehicles front driver side tire went flat. The pursuit lasted for approximately 40 minutes, covering 33 miles. The California Hwy Patrol, Chico Police Department, and the Glenn County Sheriff Office all assisted the Butte County Sheriff's Office in the pursuit.

Johnny Cabrera was arrested and booked in the Butte County Jail for evading a police officer, reckless driving, driving on a suspended license, and four outstanding warrants for his arrest. Cabrera is not eligible for bail due to the nature of his warrants.