BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
MEDIA RELEASE

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On 5-14-10 at 2321 hrs Deputy Ben Lang attempted a traffic stop on a pickup truck at the intersection of East Ave. and the Esplanade. The vehicle was driving recklessly, speeding and sliding around corners and failed to stop at a red light at E. Lassen Ave. and the Esplanade.

The vehicle stopped in the parking lot at the north east corner of East Ave. and the Esplanade. As Deputy Lang stepped out of his patrol unit the pickup sped away E/B East Ave. As the vehicle exited the parking lot it almost hit several other vehicles that were on the roadway. Deputy Lang gave chase and the pickup fled onto S/B Hwy 99. The pursuit continued S/B on Hwy 99 reaching speeds in excess of 100 mph and lasted for three minutes. The pursuit ended when the pickup ran into the back of a sedan on Hwy 99 just north of the E. Park Ave. off ramp. The sedan spun out and the pickup rolled over. One of the two occupants of the sedan was transported Enloe Hospital with injuries and was later treated and released.

The driver of the pickup was taken into custody without incident. He was later identified as German Herrera-Alvarez, 32 years of age from Sacramento. Herrera-Alvarez was transported to Enloe Hospital with minor injuries, where he was treated and released. He was then booked into the Butte County jail on charges of Felony Evading, Felony DUI, and 23550 CVC, which is over four DUI arrests in less then 10 years. Herrera-Alvarez also had three outstanding warrants for his arrest. Bail was set at $175,000.