



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Reckless vehicle, pursuit and DUI arrest

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: East Ave. and Esplanade, S/B Hwy 99, E. 8th St.

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: 3-24-16 @ about 2149 hrs

INCIDENT CASE NUMBER: 16-2146

VICTIM: State of California

SUSPECT: Brandon Bothum (9-23-83), a Chico resident

NARRATIVE:

Officers were on routine patrol in the area of East Ave. and Esplanade when they observed a black older model Nissan truck speeding recklessly through the parking lot of Am/Pm, located at 2538 Esplanade. Officers witnessed the vehicle's tires breaking traction and saw it speed away from the business e/b on East Ave. at a high rate of speed. When the officers attempted to perform an enforcement stop on the suspect vehicle, it failed to yield and entered s/b Hwy 99. The vehicle traveled at a maximum speed of about 85 MPH with two marked patrol cars in pursuit with code 3 lights and siren engaged.

The pursuit was terminated when the suspect vehicle exited Hwy 99 at E. 8th St. and began to drive towards a highly populated area of Chico. Upon terminating the pursuit the suspect vehicle slowed to about 25 mph and remained directly in front of the patrol cars. The suspect began gesturing out the window that he was going to pull over. The officers followed the suspect vehicle for about three blocks as he slowed and selected a place to stop. The suspect was then taken into custody without incident. After an investigation the suspect was believed to be impaired by alcohol and arrested for suspicion of DUI.

No one was injured and no property was damaged during this incident.

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Date/Time: 6-25-16 @ 1900 hrs