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Subject : Car Thief Arrested After Pursuit and Crash

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On 3/15/11 at about 12:41 pm a Eureka Police officer was dispatched to the area of the 4300 block of Broadway on a report that a vehicle that had been reported stolen to CHP had been seen in that vicinity several minutes prior.

The officer located the vehicle traveling northbound on Broadway near McCullens. The driver began fleeing northbound on Broadway and then east on Harris Street. The officer initiated a pursuit.

The suspect then began weaving in and out of various streets between Harris and Henderson, Albee and Spring. His speeds were ranging from 30-40 mph.

At one point the suspect turned east on Wabash from Spring and accelerated. In making the turn the suspect clipped a passing westbound vehicle. The driver of that car swerved up onto the curb and lightly struck a retaining wall. The driver was uninjured.

The suspect accelerated and continued eastbound on Wabash Ave. He lost control of the car as he approached Wabash and G Streets due to the wet streets and excessive speed. The vehicle ran up onto a lawn and struck the side of a duplex at that location. The home was unoccupied at the time of the collision and the suspect was uninjured.

The suspect was taken into custody without incident at the scene of the crash. The driver was a 16 year old male juvenile. He was booked into Juvenile Hall on charges of Auto Theft, Felony Evasion of an Officer, and Hit and Run.

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