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When Eureka Police Officer Patrick Bishop stopped a subject on a bicycle for running a stop sign he didn't realize a life and death struggle would occur.

Jeramie Andrew Bourgeois, 30, of Eureka was a wanted parole violator who was observed by Officer Bishop and his ride along throwing an object away when the officer tried to stop him.

On contact, Bourgeois ran and the officer gave chase. Bourgeois broke a hand rail off a porch at a nearby house and struck the officer in the head. The officer was able to tackle the subject and take him to the ground and a fight ensued.

The subject tried to take the officer's weapon and the ride along seeing this called for additional units who responded and took the subject into custody. The first officer to respond was a California Highway Patrolman who was working in Eureka on a Cal-GRIP Grant (Gang Reduction, Intervention, Prevention Program) which provides additional officers in Eureka. This was the first night of the grant.

Bourgeois was booked on multiple charges, including resisting arrest by violence, assault with a deadly weapon, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bourgeois and Officer were treated at the hospital and the suspect was transported to jail.