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PRESS RELEASE

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PURSUIT ENDS IN DUI ARREST

On 06-05-10 at approximately 1749 hrs, EPD Officers were dispatched to a report of a possible drunk driver, driving a white Ford Explorer, leaving the Verizon Store on Broadway in Eureka. An Officer located the vehicle as it entered and then exited the Bayshore Mall parking lot. An enforcement stop was conducted on the vehicle on Highland Ave., just east of Broadway. As the Officer approached the driver side of the vehicle, the driver locked the doors and rolled his window down approximately a ½ inch. The driver failed to comply with the Officer's commands to roll his window down and shut off his vehicle. The driver told the Officer, "You need to get your friends here," and "You will need your army."

The driver then put the vehicle in gear and drove away from the this location. Officers pursued the vehicle through a residential area of south Eureka. The driver eventually drove his vehicle into the large parking lot near CVS Pharmacy on W. Harris St. As the driver attempted to travel west towards Central Ave., he collided with an occupied EPD patrol vehicle that had stopped. There were no Officers injured as a result of this incident.

The driver again failed to follow the Officers commands to exit the vehicle. The driver's side window of the suspect's vehicle was broken by an Officer and the driver had to be physically removed from the vehicle. The driver was taken into custody without further incident. The driver was identified as Jesus Alcazar GARCIA, 38, of Eureka.

During a search of the vehicle, Officers located and seized a loaded and cocked crossbow that was on the floor next to the driver's seat, along with several additional dangerous weapons.

GARCIA was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility were he was booked for violations of felony eluding a Police Officer, assault with a deadly weapon, driving under the influence of alcohol and resisting arrest.

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