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Subject: Man Evades Police and Strikes Officers with His Vehicle

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On 7/10/10, Officers with the Eureka Police Department were involved in a vehicle pursuit with a black Audi. At that time the suspect and vehicle fled through surface streets in Eureka at speeds over 90 MPH. Because the vehicles speed was excessive and unsafe, Officers chose to discontinue the pursuit at that time in light of public safety. We were able to get the vehicles license plate number. The subsequent investigation identified the registered owner of the Audi.

On 7/23/10, an alert Officer saw the black Audi driving on 4th Street in Eureka. The vehicle quickly pulled into the drive-through of Wendy's. Officers contacted Bradlee Sanders, who is the registered owner of the vehicle, in the drive-through. Officers determined Sanders was driving on a suspended license, and he was believed to be the driver of the vehicle when it fled on the 10th of July. When Officers attempted to detain Sanders he sped through the drive through at a high rate of speed. One Officer was attempting to pull Sanders from the vehicle and was thrown off the vehicle as it accelerated. Another officer had to jump out of the way of the vehicle to avoid being ran over. The vehicle struck that officer on the leg. Both officers were uninjured.

As other Officers responded to the area Sanders sped southbound Broadway at speeds over 100 MPH. Again, Officers were unable to keep up due to excessive and unsafe speed. A county-wide ATL has been issued for Sanders arrest for assault with a deadly weapon, driving on a suspended license, and a probation violation. Anyone with information as to Sanders whereabouts is asked to call the Eureka Police Department at 707-441-4044.

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