



# Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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**Subject:** Vehicle Pursuit Leads to Arrests

**Case:** 2010000635

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Humboldt County Sheriff's Deputies arrested two people after a vehicle pursuit in Loleta Tuesday night. At about 11:00 p.m. a deputy was on patrol when he saw a vehicle traveling northbound on Eel River Drive at a high rate of speed. Additionally, the vehicle had two obvious equipment violations. The deputy attempted to make a traffic stop but the driver accelerated away from the deputy. The driver, later identified as Beau Jackson McCabe, 27 of Rio Dell, failed to yield and traveled into Loleta and then back toward US Highway 101. McCabe drove at speeds that reached 50 mph while crossing into oncoming lanes several times. Additional deputies arrived to assist and were able to see a passenger in the car with McCabe. McCabe turned southbound onto Tompkins Hill Road from Hookton Road. Deputies terminated the pursuit near the 3800 block of Tompkins Hill Road. Following at slower speeds, deputies discovered McCabe had crashed his vehicle into a wooded area about ten feet over an embankment and fled. His passenger, Russhia Lee Pittman, 27 of Fortuna, was located uninjured, in the brush near the car. When contacted, Pittman gave deputies a false name. A Fortuna Police Officer with his K9 partner arrived to assist and recognized Pittman from previous contacts and provided deputies with her true name. Pittman was a parolee at large with an outstanding warrant for her arrest.

Deputies asked Pittman if McCabe had any weapons with him. She said he had thrown a shotgun from the car as they fled from deputies. A deputy located a loaded shotgun in the brush nearby. Meanwhile, McCabe was found hiding in a creek. He was arrested without further incident.

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Both were transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. McCabe was booked for evading a peace officer, being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, carrying a loaded firearm, and several traffic and vehicle equipment violations. His bail has been set at \$50,000.

Pittman was booked for providing false identification to a peace officer and a parole violation. She is ineligible to post bail due to her parole status.

GARY PHILP  
Sheriff

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