Sheriff's Office

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Vehicle Pursuit - Case 201600592



On Thursday, February 4, 2016, a Humboldt County Deputy Sheriff observed a vehicle drive past their location on HWY 255 between Manila and Arcata at about 25 mph above the posted speed limit. The deputy pursued the vehicle and the vehicle failed to yield. The suspect, 18 year old Tyler Bartlett, attempted to flee by turning onto J Street in Arcata where his vehicle collided with a parked car. The vehicle then turned and collided with another parked car. Bartlett fled on foot and the Arcata Police Department responded to assist. Bartlett was apprehended at K St and 6th St by APD Officers. A search of Bartlett's person produced a switchblade knife. Deputies searched Bartlett's vehicle and located a modified AK-47 assault type rifle, along with several high capacity magazines loaded with live ammunition.

Bartlett was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for illegally possessing an assault weapon, carrying a switchblade on his person, possession of a large capacity magazine, evading a peace officer, hit and run resulting in property damage, and speeding.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey Sheriff



Tyler Bartlett