



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

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Subject: Pursuit/ Injured USFS Officer

Case: 201401207

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Saturday March 15th at approximately 8:56 PM, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office was notified that Officers from the United States Forest Service (USFS) were involved in a pursuit with a silver Jeep Liberty on Highway 36 in the 28000 block range. A USFS Officer was injured after being struck by the suspect's vehicle and shots were fired by USFS Officers at the suspect vehicle. Units from the California Highway Patrol (CHP), Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, and Fortuna Police Department responded to the area to assist. CHP units located the suspect vehicle and were involved in a pursuit after the suspect vehicle failed to yield. CHP units attempted to disable the vehicle. The suspect vehicle was eventually disabled in the area of mile post marker 28; however, the suspect fled on foot into the brush.

The USFS Officer was later flown to an area hospital in Redding where the officer's condition was listed as stable. The incident is still under investigation by the USFS and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. The Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) are investigating the officer involved shooting. The CHP's Multi-Disciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) is investigating the multiple vehicle collisions involving Law Enforcement units and the suspect vehicle. The suspect is currently at large and is considered armed and dangerous.

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.

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Sheriff

