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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Subject: Vehicle Theft Suspect in Custody

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On 01-28-2019 at about 5:00 am, officers of the Eureka Police Department (EPD) were dispatched to the 3400 block of L Street for vehicle theft report. The Reporting Party stated that their vehicle had been stolen out of their driveway, while it was unoccupied and warming up.

Officers began checking the area for the vehicle. A few moments later, an Officer located the vehicle being driven near 17th and J Streets. The vehicle fled and a pursuit ensued. The pursuit lasted several minutes with up to three different patrol units being involved. The vehicle's speed reached approximately 70 mph and the vehicle ran through several controlled intersections (stop signs or traffic control signals).

At one point, the vehicle turned from Glatt Street down the one-way single lane road to the duck pond, where it finally stopped at the Sequoia Park playground interior gate, off of W Street. The driver (and only occupant of the vehicle) quickly exited the vehicle and was taken into custody without incident. The driver was identified as Shiloh John Chase (41 years old). The stolen vehicle suffered one flat tire, but was otherwise undamaged. Chase was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility (HCCF) on fresh charges of vehicle theft, evading, and probation revocation. Chase is not eligible for bail, due to a probation hold.

The Eureka Police Department would like to remind citizens not to leave their vehicles unoccupied, unsecured and running. This creates an unsafe situation that can often times lead to theft of the vehicle.

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