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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Subject: Intoxicated Hit and Run Driver Brandishes Shotgun at Officer Before Arrest

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On March 14, 2018, at about 5:50 a.m., officers with the Eureka Police Department responded to the area of W and Russell Streets for the report of a hit and run. A witness reported that a late model GMC SUV had hit a sign and the driver was continuing in the wrong lane of traffic northbound on Harrison Avenue with at least one flat tire.

An officer located the vehicle driving erratically near Harrison and Lucas. The vehicle lost control due to the flat tires and collided with a retaining wall near Harrison and 16th Street. The male driver immediately exited the vehicle and brandished a sawed off shotgun toward the officer. The male then fled on foot with the shotgun and the officer pursued. There were no other occupants inside the vehicle.

Officers set up a perimeter and located the male running without the shotgun near 15th and Dean Streets. After a short struggle, the male was taken into custody without further incident. The male was identified as 27 year old Andrew White and was found to be extremely intoxicated. The shotgun was found abandoned near the 2400 block of 16th Street.

White was transported to the hospital for medical clearance before being booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on the following charges: possession of a sawed off shotgun, brandishing at a peace officer, felony reckless evading, possession of a firearm in a vehicle, DUI, resisting arrest, hit and run, and driving on a suspended license.

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