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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: 05/24/17

Title

-- DUI Crashes with Minor Injuries--

Chico, CA – Chico Police Officers responded to 2 separate DUI Crashes Tuesday evening. The first call was received at 7:59 pm regarding a crash that occurred at the intersection of W 8th St. and Chestnut St.; a single vehicle against a Power pole. Witnesses saw the crash occur and observed the driver flee from the scene. Witnesses followed the driver until police arrived and pointed him out to Patrol Officers. The driver attempted to flee but was captured after a short foot chase. A subsequent investigation resulted in the driver being arrested for several charges including DUI and resisting arrest and was booked into County Jail. The vehicle involved sustained moderate damage.

While Officers were processing that scene, a second Vehicle Crash report came in at 8:13 pm. Callers stated that a Ford Mustang was driving recklessly, the driver lost control, and the vehicle hit a tree on Vallambrosa Avenue. Officers arrived and located two occupants of the Mustang, who sustained injuries and were transported to Enloe Medical Center. In this collision, the vehicle narrowly missed oncoming traffic and stopped short of colliding with the walled exterior of a residence. A subsequent investigation of this crash resulted in the driver being arrested for DUI; he was cited with a notice to appear as it appeared he would be needing medical treatment. The Mustang sustained major damage.

In both crashes, the occupants of the vehicles were extremely lucky to have only sustained minor injuries and to have avoided other vehicles on the roadway. While the warm weather invites the consumption of alcoholic beverages, it is important to enjoy them in moderation. Please remember that an Uber, Lyft, or Taxi is a safer, more responsible and cheaper alternative to a DUI.

Location:

- 1) W. 8th St. at Chestnut St., Chico, CA.
- 2) Vallambrosa Ln. at Vallambrosa Ave., Chico, CA.

Date/Time:

- 1) 5/23/17 19:59 hours
- 2) 5/23/17 20:13 hours

Incident Case Number

- 1) 17-003549
- 2) 17-003550

Suspects:

- 1) Edward Harris DEMOTT GARFIELD (04/21/96)
- 2) Brentston RHODES (12/21/96)

Supervisor:

Sgt. Omar Peña

Watch Commander:

Lt. Scott Zuschin