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SISKIYOU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEW UPDATE

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“Woman Arrested After Deliberately Ramming Sheriff's Patrol Unit”

On Monday, February 6, 2017, at about 4:10 p.m., a Siskiyou County Sheriff Office (SCSO) lieutenant responded to the Ditch Creek R-Ranch in the Hornbrook area in response to a disturbance allegedly being caused by a female adult. The reporting party at the location reported the woman refused to leave the premises. When the lieutenant arrived, he observed the suspect, whom he recognized from prior contacts running towards a Dodge pick-up parked at the location. The male reporting party at the scene was yelling and it appeared the female was attempting to steal the pick-up based on information apparent to the lieutenant. The female suspect entered the cab of the pick-up and attempted to drive-away from the scene but the vehicle became immobilized in deep mud. The lieutenant drove his patrol unit with emergency lights activated to a position behind the pick-up in an attempt to contact and detain the female suspect.

The pick-up's rear wheels were spinning and the patrol unit was struck with mud and debris. The lieutenant exited his unit and attempted to contact and detain the suspect to prevent her from driving away with the vehicle. The suspect refused numerous verbal commands to stop and as the lieutenant approached the vehicle he was struck by flying mud and debris from the spinning tires. The driver was attempting to move the vehicle from drive to reverse to rock the vehicle from the immobilized position in the mud. After refusing to stop her efforts to flee, the lieutenant attempted to use a Taser to immobilize the suspect but the effort was ineffective after the driver closed the driver's window and locked the vehicle door. A second attempt to deploy his Taser was effective but the suspect moved to the middle of the bench-type seat and repeatedly refused to surrender as verbally directed. The lieutenant's canine was in his vehicle and he retreated towards his vehicle to move his unit in the event the driver was able to move backwards from the vehicle's immobilized position. The vehicle's owner also attempted to gain entry to the vehicle from the opposite side. The suspect then placed the vehicle in reverse and accelerated to the rear, ramming the front-end of the SCSO patrol unit. The suspect was then able to place the vehicle in drive and managed to flee the area in the pick-up. The lieutenant attempted to overtake the suspect vehicle after he was able to re-enter his patrol unit but the driver refused to yield and accelerated away from the location at high speeds, eventually evading arrest after entering Interstate 5.

An extensive search of the area was conducted by other SCSO, California Highway Patrol (CHP), and Yreka Police Department (YPD) units but the suspect and vehicle were not located. The vehicle's owner signed a stolen report for the suspect and “All-Point's-Bulletin” was broadcast for the suspect and stolen vehicle.

On Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at about 7:45 a.m., a citizen's report indicated the stolen vehicle was parked on First Avenue in vicinity of nearby railroad tracks in the Hornbrook area. The stolen pick-up was located by responding CHP and SCSO units parked on Third Avenue near First Avenue. The suspect was still in the vehicle. The CHP, deputies and a detective from the SCSO's Major Crime's Unit were able to arrest the suspect without further incident. The lieutenant was at the scene and the suspect, Ms. Nikki McGilvray, 29 years-of-age, was positively identified, arrested and booked at the Siskiyou County Jail for a variety of charges, including 245(a)(1) PC, Assault with a deadly weapon; 10851 CVC, auto theft; 594 PC, malicious mischief, and 69 PC, felony obstructing an executive officer in the performance of their duties. According to Sheriff Jon Lopey, “We are

grateful this incident was ultimately resolved without injury to peace officers, citizens, or the involved suspect. We are also happy to report that the canine partner of our lieutenant is doing well after the ramming incident. This illustrates the dangerous nature of so-called 'routine' disturbance calls, which are every day occurrences for the law enforcement community. I would like to thank the citizens who assisted us with this case on both days of the on-going incident. We also appreciate the assistance provided by the CHP, YPD and other agencies whose efforts to locate Ms. McGilvray took them away from their respective jurisdictions. Anyone with any information about this crime spree is urged to contact the SCSO's 24-hour Dispatch Center at (530) 841-2900."

