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PRESS RELEASE: UPD CASE # 21-2369

Date: 12-23-2021

Location: 100 BLOCK OF N. ORCHARD AVE.

Suspects: MICHAEL SORRELL

Violations: 2800.2 (A) VC - EVADE PEACE OFFICER WITH WANTON DISREGARD FOR SAFE
2800.4 VC - EVADING POLICE OFFICER, DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD
21510 (b) PC - POSSESS SWITCHBLADE KNIFE
22210 PC - MANUFACTURE/SALE/POSSESS BILLY CLUB
466 PC - POSSESS/ETC BURGLARY TOOLS
11364(a) - HS POSSESS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PARAPHERNALIA
12500 (A) VC - DRIVE W/O LICENSE
23152(F) VC - DUI DRUGS

Summary:

On 12-23-2021, Michael Sorrell, a 30-year-old, unlicensed, resident of Clearlake, allegedly smoked methamphetamine before driving in the City of Ukiah. A Ukiah PD officer noticed Sorrell driving in the bicycle lane on the 100 block of N. Orchard Ave. Sorrell was driving erratically and the officer attempted to stop him by activating his emergency lights. Sorrell failed to yield to the officer and attempted to evade capture by driving in an unsafe manner, with wanton disregard for the public. Officer's were led on an approximately 2.3 mile pursuit that exceeded 60 mph on city streets with speed limits of 25 mph. The pursuit ended with Sorrell attempting to go over a curb that separated two apartment complex parking lots. His vehicle collided with the curb causing front end and engine damage, halting his vehicle. Sorrell attempted to run from the pursuing officers. Sorrell ran into a blackberry bush and quickly gave up, surrendering to the pursuing officers.

Sorrell was taken into custody without any reported injuries by anyone involved. The vehicle was searched and Sorrell was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia, weapons, and burglary tools. He was booked at the Mendocino county jail for the violations.

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