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RONALD N. STRAND, Chief of Police

Press Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: March 03, 2011

TYPE OF INCIDENT: CVC 2800.2(a) – Felony Evading in Vehicle, PC 148(a)(1) – Resist, Obstruct, Delay Peace Officer, CVC 14601.1(a) – Driving on Suspended License and CVC 20002(a) – Hit and Run.

LOCATION: Several residential streets in the City of Ridgecrest.

SUSPECT: Howard, William Patrick Dean – 31 yoa.

RESUME OF INCIDENT

On March 3, 2011, while on patrol in the 100 block of S. Warner St., K9 Officer Bill Groves and Sgt. Ryan Marrone observed a vehicle drive past their location traveling at a high rate of speed. They initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle, at which time the driver, identified as William Howard, failed to yield, accelerated and led the officers on a high speed chase through several residential city streets. Howard lost control of the vehicle he was driving and collided with a parked vehicle in the 300 block of S. Norma St. The collision caused major damage to both vehicles and left Howard's vehicle disabled.

After the collision, Howard fled from the vehicle on foot. He eluded capture for a short time, but was ultimately apprehended, by Officer Groves, hiding in a garage on S. Sunset St.

Howard was subsequently arrested without further incident. He was booked locally at KCJ-Ridgecrest for the above listed charges. Howard was held without bail for the listed charges and a California Department of Corrections Parole Hold.

RONALD N. STRAND, Chief of Police
PREPARED BY: Sgt. R. Marrone
Friday, March 04, 2011