

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

Press Release

(Title of Crime/Incident) 245 PC (Assault with deadly weapon) 422 PC (Criminal threats) 496 PC (receiving stolen property)

Report Number: 2015-5901

Coroner Number:

Crime/Incident: 245 PC (Assault with deadly weapon) 422 PC (Criminal threats) 496 PC (receiving stolen property)

Location: MPM 3 Highway 162 Covelo, Ca

When: **Date:** 03-09-2015 **Time:** 5:00 PM

Victim Info :

Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
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Suspect Info:

Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Suspect #1: Dustin Henderson	39	Transient	Willits, Ca

Written by: Sergeant Matt Kendall

Synopsis:

On 03-09-2015 at about 5:00 PM Deputies from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the Covelo, California area regarding a report of a subject in a vehicle chase shooting at the vehicle in front of him.

Deputies responded with assistance from the California Highway Patrol.

While responding to the location, Deputies received radio dispatch updates providing them with further information and a vehicle description of the suspect.

Deputies encountered the suspect vehicle on Highway 162 near Dos Rios. A traffic stop was conducted and Dustin Henderson was identified as the driver.

While Henderson was detained at the scene of the traffic stop, Deputies were able to contact the victim.

Further investigation revealed Henderson had passed the victim's vehicle on Highway 162 and when doing so collided with the vehicle while completing the pass. Henderson pulled away and stopped his vehicle in the roadway.

Henderson produced a pellet pistol which the victim believed to be a firearm. Henderson fired the pellet pistol at the victim's vehicle shattering the passenger window and breaking the windshield.

The victim was then pursued by Henderson into the Covelo area where he continued to shoot the pellet pistol at the victim's vehicle. The vehicles traveled through the town of Covelo at a high rate of speed until the victim was able to elude Henderson in the follow of traffic.

A search of Henderson's vehicle revealed a pellet pistol which had the appearance of a firearm as well as pellets, marijuana, and suspected methamphetamine in a hypodermic syringe.

Also located in the vehicle were several items of stolen property from a burglary in the Willits area. Henderson was also found to have a theft related felony warrant for his arrest out of the state of Missouri.

Henderson was arrested and booked into the Mendocino County Jail on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, criminal threats, receiving stolen property, vandalism, possession of marijuana for sales, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Henderson was to be held at the Mendocino County Jail in lieu of \$30,000.00 bail.

Approved By: Captain Greg Van Patten

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