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Grass Valley Police Investigate Overnight Traffic Crash

GRASS VALLEY, CA – Grass Valley Police are investigating an overnight traffic crash involving one vehicle that has hospitalized a Crescent City teenager.

At approximately 1:10am this morning, police received a call from an unidentified motorist that a vehicle was observed driving erratically throughout the downtown area of Grass Valley. The caller described the vehicle as a Ford Mustang Convertible grey in color with the top down. Officers responding to the call made visual contact near the intersection of Banks St and Hansen Way with a vehicle matching the description. The vehicle was scene turning circles in the intersection at a high rate of speed around several unidentified pedestrians in the crosswalk before turning east onto Banks St and then east onto Bennett St. Officers attempted to initiate a traffic stop of the vehicle, but lost site of the vehicle near Bennett and Ophir Streets.

Shortly after contact was lost with the fleeing vehicle, officers in the area observed arcing power lines and a power transformer fail. Further investigation located the suspect vehicle overturned in the 500 Block of Bennett St near Durham Transportation Services.

A preliminary investigation of the traffic crash found that the suspect vehicle had been traveling at a high rate of speed on Bennett St and lost control, striking and shearing a power pole before overturning onto its top and into the fence around Durham Transportation Services. Pinned below the vehicle was one male juvenile, 16 years of age, from Crescent City (name withheld). The Grass Valley Fire Department responded to the scene and extricated the juvenile from under the vehicle at which time he was transported by helicopter to Sutter-Roseville Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries.

The traffic crash remains under investigation by the Grass Valley Police Department. Anyone with information on this or other crime in the City is encouraged to contact the police at 530.477.4600.

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