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PRESS RELEASE

February 8, 2017

TCSO Case Number: 2017000180

Persons Arrested:

Robert Paul Sorensen Jr., DOB: 10/12/1977, Weaverville, CA

Charges:

246.3 PC – Discharge firearm in grossly negligent manner
23900 PC – Tamper with identification marks on firearm
29800(a)(1) PC – Convicted felon in possession of firearms/ammunition
30305(a)(1) PC – Felon in possession of ammunition
11364 HS – Possess paraphernalia smoke/inject control substance

On February 7, 2017, at approximately 2:00pm Trinity County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a residence on Masonic Lane in Weaverville, where it was reported that a subject, identified as Robert Sorensen, was discharging a firearm in the front yard of his residence. Upon arrival, Deputies contacted and detained Sorensen. Deputies spoke with eye witnesses, who indicated that Sorensen was discharging a black handgun while in the front yard of his residence (at the ground). Sorensen was arrested for negligently discharging the firearm. Deputies from the Trinity County Sheriff's Office obtained a search warrant and served it Sorensen's residence later that afternoon. During the execution of the search warrant a .45 caliber shell casing was located on Sorensen's front lawn as well as a .45 caliber bullet found imbedded in his front lawn. Additionally, a loaded .45 caliber Hi Point pistol with a filed off serial number along with narcotics paraphernalia was located inside Sorensen's residence. During an interview with Sorensen, he admitted to discharging the firearm as he believed that neighborhood cats were harassing his pet cat, who had presently been in heat.

Robert Sorensen Jr. is still currently in custody at the Trinity County Jail and is being held on \$25,000.00 bail.

Agency's involved:

Trinity County Sheriff's Office

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