



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**FROM: Sergeant Jason Ferguson**

### **EARLY MORNING HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT LEADS TO THE ARREST OF A LAKEPORT RESIDENT FOR DUI.**

Stephen J. Kennedy 46 of Lakeport was arrested early Friday morning for driving while under the influence of alcohol and hit and run after he crashed his Dodge Ram truck into the Peggy Campbell accounting office located at 401 N. Main St. and fled the scene. The incident occurred shortly after 8:00 am Friday when Lakeport Police Officer Norm Taylor responded to the area of North Lakeport after receiving a call for the hit and run accident. Officer Taylor located the vehicle parked partially on the sidewalk on Clearlake Ave. near High St. where it was blocked in by an A-1 Tow Truck being driven by Gerald Byers who witnessed the crash and followed Kennedy. Byers positioned the tow truck so as to prevent Kennedy from leaving the scene and causing any further accidents.

Kennedy was located standing next to the truck. During the investigation it was determined that Kennedy was under the influence of alcohol and was placed under arrest for DUI and hit and run.

Kennedy was booked at the Hill Road Correctional Facility.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT SERGEANT JASON FERGUSON.**

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