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Suspect Arrested Following Pursuit of Stolen Vehicle

LAKE FOREST, Calif. (August 29, 2015) – On Saturday, August 29, 2015 at approximately 2:30 p.m., Orange County Sheriff’s deputies arrested a suspect following the pursuit of a stolen 2004 Ford F-250 truck he was driving. The pursuit terminated when the suspect crashed into the service bay area of the 76 gas station located on the northwest corner of El Toro Road and Trabuco Road. Deputies took the suspect into custody after a short foot pursuit following the collision.

Shortly before 2:00 p.m. this afternoon, the Orange County Sheriff’s Department deputies in Yorba Linda picked up a Lo-Jack signal in the area of the 91 freeway and Yorba Linda Boulevard. The Sheriff’s Department airship “Duke” was in the area and responded to assist with determining the source of the signal. Duke was quickly able to establish the exact location of the signal and identify the stolen vehicle as it travelled southbound on the 241 from the 91 freeway. The vehicle exited Santiago Canyon Road and continued southbound through Silverado Canyon. Once ground units assembled, a felony traffic stop was initiated on westbound El Toro Road and Live Oak Canyon Road. The vehicle failed to yield and was pursued westbound El Toro Road for approximately 2-3 miles. As the vehicle entered the intersection of El Toro Road and Trabuco Road it clipped another vehicle, causing the suspect to lose control, drive over the curb and collide with the 76 gas station service bay. The suspect exited the vehicle and a short foot pursuit ensued through an adjacent commercial complex before he was taken into custody.

The 2004 Ford F-250 was reported stolen out of the city of San Diego on August 28, 2015. The suspect is a male, Caucasian, approximately 40 years old; he has been uncooperative with deputies and his identity will not be confirmed until matched with fingerprint records.

The suspect was arrested for possession of stolen property, felony evading, driving under the influence and delay/obstructing a peace officer. He will be booked into Orange County Jail and bail will be pending confirmation of his identification. The suspect is scheduled to appear in court on Tuesday, September 1, 2015.

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