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Vehicle Pursuit of Parolee

Riverside, CA – On December 17, 2007, at about 1836 hours, Riverside Police Officers attempted to stop of a vehicle that had been reported stolen. The driver of the vehicle failed to yield to officers and a vehicle pursuit took place. The vehicle pursuit was initiated in the Hillside area of Riverside and lasted about 29 minutes. The Riverside Police Department Helicopter, units from both the California Highway Patrol and Corona Police Department, provided assistance at some point during the vehicle pursuit.

When the vehicle pursuit reached the west end of the City of Riverside, spike strips deployed by a Riverside Police Officer punctured the stolen vehicle's front tires. The suspect later abandoned the stolen vehicle and fled on foot near the intersection of Magnolia Avenue and Windsong Street, in the City of Corona. The suspect was quickly located and taken into custody.

There were no reports of traffic collisions involving civilians in the City of Riverside; however, the suspect did collide with two vehicles driven by civilians in the City of Corona. Neither of the collisions resulted in injury. The suspect was treated for minor injuries obtained during the brief foot pursuit and when he was taken into custody. It is anticipated the suspect will be booked into the Riverside County Jail for the listed charges:

10851 VC / 496 PC Grand Theft Auto & Possession of Stolen Property
3056 PC Parolee Hold
245 PC Assault with a deadly weapon (Vehicle)
2800.1 VC / 69 PC Felony Evading & Resisting

The suspect was identified as:

Raul Morales, 32 years old
Last known address in the 3700-block of Fillmore Street, Riverside, California.

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