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Carjacking pursuit ends in crash

Riverside, CA -- A suspect in a pair of carjack incidents Wednesday afternoon collided with another vehicle at the Riverside city limit before he crashed into a utility pole in Moreno Valley, ending a high-speed police pursuit.

Riverside Police became involved in the incident when a black 2004 GMC Tahoe SUV ran a red light at the intersection of Central Avenue and Canyon Crest Drive and collided with a FedEx delivery truck, shortly after 3 p.m. The delivery driver reported minor injuries and was transported to Riverside Community Hospital.

It was later learned that the Tahoe had been previously reported as carjacked at about 2:24 p.m., from a location on Stephens Avenue and West La Cadena Drive, in the Highgrove area of Riverside County, north of the city.

The suspect driver abandoned the Tahoe and carjacked a champagne-colored 2004 Honda CR-V at the same intersection, and fled. A Riverside Police officer on patrol in the area who responded to the collision followed the fleeing suspect.

The suspect traveled in an eastbound direction on city surface streets at high speed. He sideswiped another vehicle eastbound on Eucalyptus Avenue at the intersection with Day Street, where he lost control and ended in a single-vehicle crash with a utility pole on the south curb of Eucalyptus, east of Day, in Moreno Valley, at 3:23 p.m. The Honda CRV was completely destroyed, wrapped around the pole. The driver, a 29-year-old black male, pulled himself from the wreckage and was taken into custody.

The suspect driver was transported to Riverside County Regional Medical Center with serious trauma injuries. The Riverside Police Department is investigating the first collision scene at Central and Canyon Crest, and the Moreno Valley Police Department is investigating the second, at Eucalyptus and Day.

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