



Elk Grove Police Department

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TWO TEENAGERS ARRESTED FOR CARJACKING

ELK GROVE, CA – On March 17, 2010 at 1:26 p.m., the Elk Grove Police Department responded to a call of several suspicious individuals loitering in front of a residence in the 8900 block of Meadowspring Dr. As officers were responding to the call, additional information was obtained from a witness indicating that a carjacking had just taken place.

According to dispatch, while the victim was inside his open garage sitting in his vehicle, a 2007 Hyundai Santa Fe, he was confronted by two suspects. The suspects were described as black males, 15-17 years of age, one of which was armed with a gray firearm. One of the suspects then brandished the firearm at the victim and ordered him out of his vehicle. The victim feared for his safety and complied. Both suspects then entered the victim's vehicle. The vehicle was then backed out of the garage by the armed suspect and then driven away.

An Elk Grove Police Department motor officer located the described stolen vehicle travelling westbound on Laguna Blvd. at Laguna Manor Dr. The motor officer advised of his location and requested additional officers in order to conduct an enforcement stop. The two occupants became aware of the officers presence, and the driver began to accelerate. Additional officers responded to the area as the vehicle began travelling northbound on Franklin Blvd. At this point, the driver of the stolen vehicle began evasive maneuvers in an effort to avoid apprehension. Officers initiated a vehicle pursuit with the stolen vehicle which was not yielding. As the vehicle was travelling north on Franklin Blvd. in light traffic conditions, speeds reached 100 mph.

When the driver of the stolen vehicle attempted to make a left turn onto Valley Hi Dr. from Franklin Blvd., he lost control of the vehicle and collided with several poles surrounding the front yard of a residence at 4645 Valley Hi. Dr. After the collision, both suspects exited the vehicle and fled on foot.

Officers from the Elk Grove Police Department, Sacramento Police Department and the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department responded to the area in an effort to locate the possibly armed suspects. A perimeter was established, and the driver was taken into custody directly north of the location of the collision on Alcala Court. The passenger was taken into custody a short distance away on Mill Stream Court. Both suspects have been identified as 16-year-old Sacramento resident (names withheld due to their age).

A search of the stolen vehicle led to the discovery of two BB guns along with the victim's property. Both suspects were taken into custody and transported to juvenile hall. The victim was not seriously injured and did not require medical attention.

As in the case today, the Elk Grove Police Department encourages residents to report any and all suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. Through this continued partnership with the community, the department will continue to protect life and property, solve neighborhood problems and enhance the quality of life in our city.

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