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Press Release

Today's Date: June 6, 2012
Date & Time Occurred: June 5, 2012 at 7:10 p.m.
Submitted By: Sergeant Todd Dye
Phone: (707) 449-5200
Case Number: 12-03738
Type of Crime/Incident: Burglary, 459 PC, Assault on a Peace Officer with a Deadly Weapon, 245 (c) PC; Conspiracy, 182 PC; Attempt to Evade a Peace Officer in a Reckless Manner, 2800.3 VC; Parole Violation Warrant, 3056 PC.
Location: 300 Block of Nut Tree Road
Suspects: S-Robert Leonardo Navarro, 34, Sacramento
S-Christina Maria Sanchez, 35, Sacramento

HIGH-SPEED CHASE ENDS WITH ARREST, CAR FIRE FOLLOWING THEFT

Vacaville police arrested a man suspected of burglary after a high-speed chase in which an officer was injured and the vehicle he fled in caught fire.

At approximately 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday evening, a Vacaville police officer responded to the report of a pair of sunglasses being stolen at a store in the Vacaville Premium Outlets. The theft was confirmed by video surveillance and the officer was directed to where the suspect was shopping in another store. The suspect was later identified as S-Robert Navarro, 34, of Sacramento.

S-Navarro was contacted and asked to step outside where the officer could speak with him. Once outside, S-Navarro physically assaulted and pushed the officer. The officer discharged his Electronic Control Device at S-Navarro, which had no effect, and S-Navarro and he fled into the parking lot. S-Christina Sanchez, 35, of Sacramento then gave S-Navarro a set of car keys. S-Navarro entered a black Chevrolet Impala in an attempt to flee.

The officer caught up to S-Navarro as he was getting into the driver's seat of the Impala and ordered him to stop. S-Navarro backed the Impala out of the parking space and as he did the officer was struck and knocked down by the open driver's door of the car. As S-Navarro sped away through the parking lot, the vehicle description and the license plate was broadcast to other units by the officer who had just been struck by the car.

A responding officer located the Impala on Orange Drive and was able to confirm it was the car involved in the crime. The officer attempted to conduct an enforcement stop on the Impala, at which time he sped away and entered I-80 eastbound, hitting speeds in excess of 100 mph.

Officers noticed the vehicle slowing down, as well as smoke coming from the Impala. Within a short time flames were seen coming from the undercarriage of the vehicle. As the Impala pulled to the side of the freeway, flames were coming up the sides of the car and eventually over the hood. Both S-Navarro and S-Sanchez exited the burning vehicle and were taken into custody. Fire engines from the Vacaville and Dixon Fire Departments came and extinguished the fire. The Impala was completely burned and was a total loss.

S-Navarro was found to be on parole and was currently a wanted person. There was an active warrant for his arrest regarding Parole Violation.

Criminal activity can be reported at www.cityofvacaville.com/departments/police, or you can call "Crime Stoppers" and leave an anonymous tip at 707-644-STOP.(7867). Crime Stoppers may pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest.



S-Navarro was booked into the Solano County Jail for Burglary, Assault on a Peace Officer with a Deadly Weapon, Conspiracy, Attempt to Evade a Peace Officer in a Reckless Manner, and for the Parole Violation Warrant. The officer that was struck by Navarro's Impala sustained minor injuries.

S-Sanchez was booked into the Solano County Jail for Burglary, Conspiracy, and Obstructing a Peace Officer.

This investigation is ongoing as it is possible S-Navarro and S-Sanchez are responsible for additional thefts at the Vacaville Premium Outlets. Anyone with information about this case or any additional thefts by this duo should call the Police Department at (707) 449-5200.