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Release Date: 08-21-15

Issuing Employee: Sgt. Cervantes

Type of Case: Assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer

Date/Time occurred: 08-21-15, 12:37 a.m.

Date/Time reported: 08-21-15, 12:37

Location of occurrence: 700 block S. "J" Street, San Bernardino

SUSPECT

Name: Issac M. Ornelas

Age: 21 years

City of Residence: San Bernardino, CA

SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT:

On 08-21-15 at approximately 12:36 a.m., an on-duty Colton police officer observed suspicious activity involving two occupied vehicles. The officer requested assistance as the vehicles began driving away. The assisting officers located one of the vehicles, a white Cadillac Escalade, and observed the vehicle swerving between lanes. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle; however it accelerated and failed to yield. A short pursuit ensued through a residential neighborhood at speeds up to 65 mph.

The driver, later identified as Issac Ornelas, continued to drive recklessly and as he drove north in the 700 block of S. J Street he slowed down, opened the driver's door and exited the moving vehicle. As he exited the vehicle, officers and a witness observed Ornelas holding a handgun in his hand.

At the point of where Ornelas had exited the Escalade, there were populated houses on the west side of the street and Urbita Elementary school, which had no students present, on the east. The officer positioned his vehicle between the armed Ornelas and the houses on the west side of S. J Street in an attempt to keep him from running into the residential housing.

Ornelas then turned towards the pursuing officer and raised the handgun towards the officer and a witness. Ornelas was struck by the police vehicle and the unoccupied Escalade continued rolling until it collided into the passenger side of the police car.

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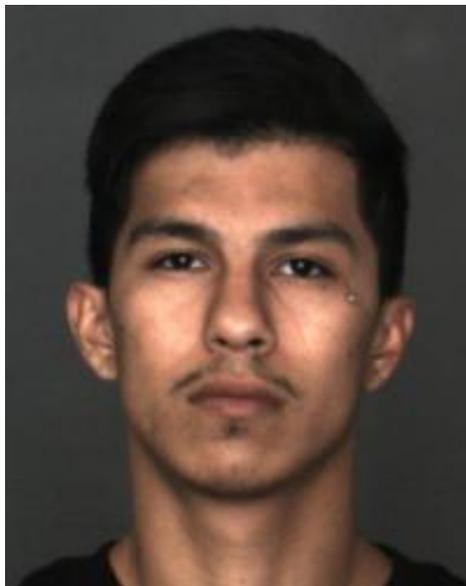
Ornelas was treated at the scene by San Bernardino City Fire/Paramedics and then transported to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center where he was treated for a head injury and a broken leg. He is now listed in stable condition. While at the hospital, it was discovered that Ornelas had illegal narcotics on his person.

A loaded handgun was located at the scene which was later discovered to be stolen.

Ornelas was arrested for Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a police officer, Assault with a Deadly Weapon with a firearm, Ex-Felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a stolen firearm and possession of Narcotics. At the time of the incident he was on active PRCS Community Supervision.

San Bernardino City Police homicide investigators were called to the scene to conduct this investigation, which is on-going.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to call Det. A. Tello at (909)384-5747 or Sgt. Kokesh at (909)384-5613.



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