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## Suspect Arrested for Carjacking, Burglary, Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Case: 17-05474

Date of Incident: July 1<sup>st</sup> at about 11 pm

Location: 3300 block of Portola Dr., Santa Cruz

Person Arrested: Tyler Evenson, 25 years old, Santa Cruz resident

Charges: 215 PC (Carjacking), 459 PC (Burglary), 245 PC (Assault with a deadly weapon), 664/215 PC (Attempted carjacking), 2800.2 CVC (Evading a Peace Officer), 20001 CVC (Hit and run causing injury), 20002 CVC (Hit and run causing property damage), 148 (Resisting or delaying a Peace Officer).



Saturday evening around 11 pm, the Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a man who reported that an unknown person had stolen his GMC Yukon. The victim informed deputies that around 11 pm he was lying down in his home when he heard noises coming from his driveway. The victim looked outside and noticed the light on in his SUV and someone sitting inside.

The victim ran to the driveway and confronted the suspect. The suspect demanded the keys to the vehicle and kept one of his hands concealed, which caused the victim to be concerned that the person may have had a weapon. Scared and wanting to call 911, the

victim ran to his house. The suspect chased the victim and even though the victim was able to shut his front door, the suspect entered his home. In fear of his life, the victim ran out the back door and the suspect found the keys and stole the victim's SUV. A description of the vehicle was broadcast over our radios.

Not long after receiving the call, one of our deputies spotted the stolen SUV, being driven by Tyler Evenson, in the area of La Fonda and Soquel Avenue in Santa Cruz. Deputies attempted to pullover Evenson, but he didn't stop, eventually crashing into a dirt embankment near the freeway exit at Vine Hill Road. At that point, Evenson reversed the SUV and collided with one of our patrol vehicles disabling it. Evenson continued to flee, and led deputies on a chase that caused many cars to swerve out of his way. The chase ended when Evenson drove the SUV going the wrong way on Highway 17 and crashed head on into an oncoming vehicle near the intersection of Sugarloaf Road.

Evenson got out of the SUV and ran away, but came in contact with one of the people who swerved out of his way during the chase. Evenson tried to steal his vehicle, but instead the man grabbed Evenson and was able to hold him down nearly long enough for deputies to arrive.

Miraculously, no one was seriously injured in this incident and Evenson was arrested for the listed charges above.

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