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Incident: Hit and Run, Vehicle Pursuit, DUI Arrest

Contact: Watch Commander, 805.339.4416

Location: 8000 Block Solano St, Ventura

Date/Time Occurred: April 4, 2015 at 8:11 PM

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol Officers

Victim(s): Unoccupied parked vehicle on Solano St

Suspect(s): Sergio Diaz, 27 years old, Ventura resident

Report #: 15-04628

Narrative:

On April 4, 2015 at 8:11 PM, a Ventura police officer on patrol in the 8000 blk of Solano St heard the sounds of a traffic collision and observed a crowd gathering at the intersection of Solano St and Berkeley Ave.

Witnesses told the officer that a dark colored SUV had just fled the scene after colliding with a parked unoccupied vehicle. The force of the impact pushed the parked vehicle up onto the driveway of an adjacent residence where it came to rest on its rooftop.

The officer observed the suspect vehicle attempting to flee the area and as soon as the officer caught up to the suspect vehicle and initiated a traffic stop the suspect vehicle accelerated and continued fleeing eastbound on Telegraph Rd.

The officer initiated a vehicle pursuit that reached speeds of approximately 60 mph. The suspect vehicle turned onto Cambria and finally came to a stop due to the extensive front-end damage sustained in the collision.

Other patrol officers responded to Solano St and determined that there were no injuries at that location.

Additional officers arrived on Cambria and the suspect driver, Sergio Diaz, was taken into custody without incident. There were no other occupants in his vehicle.

The investigation determined that Diaz was driving under the influence and witnesses on Solano St told the officers that Diaz had been traveling at a high rate of speed just prior to the collision.

After the collision Diaz continued to drive in a reckless manner. Tire marks at the scene indicated that Diaz had driven back up onto the sidewalk for a short distance as he was fleeing the scene. Also due to the damage to his vehicle he was not able to maintain control of it and drove at a high rate of speed along the curb line during the pursuit.

Diaz was later booked at the Ventura County Main Jail for Hit and Run, Evading, and Driving Under the Influence. His vehicle was impounded.