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ARRESTS MADE IN STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERY

Seal Beach, CA – the Seal Beach Police Department located a stolen vehicle and apprehended two suspects.

On Thursday, September 14, 2023, at about 8:46 am, Seal Beach police officers were alerted by an ALPR (automated license plate reader) of a vehicle that was stolen in the city of Norwalk during the commission of a carjacking where a knife was used. Officers conducted an extensive area search with negative results. At about 9:33 am, officers received a second ALPR alert as the suspect vehicle was driving through Old Town in the City of Seal Beach.

Officers located the stolen vehicle in the area. As units positioned behind the vehicle to initiate a high-risk traffic stop, the three occupants jumped out of the moving vehicle and fled on foot. The abandoned vehicle continued travelling northbound and was disabled after colliding into an unoccupied parked vehicle in the Mary Willson Library parking lot, 707 Electric Ave.

Two juvenile suspects were quickly apprehended. Officers from Seal Beach PD, Los Alamitos PD, and Cypress PD, and the Huntington Beach PD helicopter assisted in the containment and area search for the third suspect. The extensive search was met with negative results.

The outstanding suspect was described as a male Hispanic, age 20 to 25, approximately 6'0" tall, with short dark hair, wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt, black pants, and white shoes. The subject possibly has face tattoos near his eye.

The apprehended male suspect was identified as a juvenile, age 16, of Whittier. The apprehended female suspect was identified as a juvenile, age 16, of Pico Rivera. They were subsequently released to parents with charges pending.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) detectives responded to the scene and took custody of the recovered stolen vehicle. Anyone with information regarding the carjacking that occurred in Norwalk is asked to contact LASD North Division Detective Hagewood at (562) 466-5498.

This is an ongoing investigation, anyone with information related to the Seal Beach incident is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Gibson at (562) 799-4100 ext. 1172 or jqgibson@sealbeachca.gov.

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