



Marina Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

SUSPECT ARRESTED AFTER VEHICLE PURSUIT

DATE OF INCIDENT: August 23, 2011
TIME OF INCIDENT: 7:12 PM (1912 hours)
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Reservation Road and Rose Lane
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On August 23, 2011, about 1912 hours, a Marina Police Detective observed a suspect that was known to have outstanding felony warrants for his arrest inside of a vehicle in the parking lot of the SaveMart, 270 Reservation Road. The detective observed another male get inside the passenger seat of the vehicle and the two left the area. A patrol officer was summoned and he located the suspect vehicle travelling east on Reservation Road from that location.

The officer attempted to stop the suspect vehicle on Reservation Road near Rose Lane. The suspect initially yielded and pulled over to the side of the road. After the officer made initial contact with the suspect, the suspect re-started his car and began to flee in his vehicle. The officer began to pursue the suspect vehicle on Reservation Road towards Salinas. The suspect eventually lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a tree at the corner of Reservation Road and Portola Drive, just west of Highway 68. The suspect then fled on foot, but was taken into custody after a short foot pursuit.

Investigation revealed that the passenger had gotten into the vehicle willingly, but was not involved in the decision to flee. The passenger was not injured and was not arrested.

The suspect was indentified as Charles Andre Harper, age 28, of Marina. The suspect complained of some minor injuries, but refused medical aid at the scene. He was taken to Natividad Medical Center for evaluation prior to being booked into Monterey County Jail. Doctors at the hospital determined Harper was injured and made the decision to admit Harper for further evaluation and treatment. The case will be referred to the District Attorney's Office for a complaint against Harper for felony evading arrest, resisting/obstructing a police officer, driving without a license, and kidnapping of his passenger.

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