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Vehicle Pursuit ends with Collision; Driver Flees

On 11-04-08, at 0221 hours, Officer Scott Sims attempted to stop a black 1990 Dodge Caravan for a minor traffic violation (headlight out) on Mission Avenue just prior to Mission Gate. The driver initially slowed his vehicle as if he was yielding, but then sped off, turning south on Mission Gate. As the suspect driver fled from police, he committed several additional traffic violations and hit a parked car. The suspect ultimately crashed his vehicle into a light pole at the Northwest corner of Ivey Ranch Road and Mesa Drive. The driver fled on foot leaving his injured passenger behind. The passenger was transported to an area trauma center for treatment.

Based on the damage to the vehicle, the driver is believed to have sustained possible head and facial injuries. Preliminary investigation revealed alcohol may have been a factor in the collision. Officer Sims was uninjured. K-9 Officer Sadler, and his partner Ranger, arrived on scene to assist with a search of the area, but did not locate the suspect.

The pursuit lasted a total of two minutes, went a total distance of 1.3 miles, and there was little to no traffic during the pursuit.

The vehicle collision is being investigated by the California Highway Patrol. Because of conflicting information about ownership of the vehicle and the driver, information about the suspect is not being released until the investigation is complete. Field Evidence Technicians at the scene collected DNA evidence from the damage to the driver's side windshield and the steering wheel. The suspect is facing possible charges of hit and run and evading a police officer.

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