

Press Release
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EVENT: **Vehicle Pursuit**
DATE: 7/05/2021
TIME: 21:39 hours
LOCATION: Tiburon, CA

FACTS:

Officers from Tiburon have increased patrol staff and are on heightened alert, in response to recent burglaries in town, including two burglaries where the residents were home. In one instance, a resident confronted three male subjects after they shattered the glass of a rear sliding door.

On July 5th, 2021, at 2139 hours, an Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) camera in Tiburon alerted officers to a reported stolen license plate attached to a white SUV. The alert on the vehicle coming into town occurred during approximately the same time as recent burglaries, therefore all officers on patrol began looking for the vehicle.

As Belvedere PD has also been on alert, Officer Andy Rosas from the Belvedere Police Department located the vehicle in the area of Tiburon Blvd at Mar West and attempted to make a traffic stop. The vehicle, containing three male subjects, began to yield but then sped away from the officer and the scene of the traffic stop. Sergeant Rob Law, who was in the area of the stop, located the vehicle as it sped away and a pursuit was initiated.

To end the pursuit, Sergeant Freddy Gutierrez deployed spike strips on Tiburon Blvd at Stewart Drive and two of the suspect vehicle tires ran over it, although the vehicle continued driving on punctured tires. Sergeant Law continued to pursue the vehicle, with assistance from outside agencies, into San Rafael. The suspect vehicle entered city streets and the pursuit was terminated based on concerns of potential safety risks to innocent bystanders, the involved officers, and the suspects. After the pursuit was terminated, other law enforcement agencies in the area were asked to be on the lookout for the suspect vehicle.

CHP located the vehicle driving eastbound on the Richmond San Rafael Bridge and pursued it until it collided with a hill at the Point Richmond offramp. Two of the occupants fled the scene on foot and were later apprehended by CHP. A third suspect remained with the vehicle after the collision and was also taken into custody by CHP. The vehicle was later determined to be stolen out of East Palo Alto. At this time, it is unknown why the suspects, who all live outside of Marin County, came into Tiburon and whether they are connected to any of the current unsolved burglaries.

This case is actively under investigation.

PLEASE REFER ANY QUESTIONS TO: PIO Laurie Nilsen (415) 789-2801 # # #