



Marina Police Department

PRESS RELEASE

SUSPECT ARRESTED AFTER VEHICLE PURSUIT

DATE OF INCIDENT: October 30, 2010
TIME OF INCIDENT: 8:15 PM (2015 hours)
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Reservation Road and Vista Del Camino
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On October 30, 2010, about 8:15 PM, two Marina Police Officers on patrol saw a vehicle with expired registration that appeared to be driving erratically in the area of Reservation Road and Vista Del Camino in the city of Marina. The two officer unit attempted to pull over the vehicle for the registration violation and to investigate the possibility the observed erratic driving was a result of the driver being impaired with alcohol or drugs.

Upon initiating the traffic enforcement stop, the driver accelerated and attempted to flee from the officers. The officers pursued the suspect vehicle for a short distance until it pulled onto a dead end street at the entrance to Vince DiMaggio Park off Vista Del Sur Road. The driver then exited the vehicle and fled on foot. The officers continued the pursuit on foot into the park where they caught up with the suspect and took him into custody without further incident.

There were no injuries sustained by any officers or civilians during the pursuit. The suspect sustained a minor head injury after he ran into a tree branch while running away from the officers on foot.

The suspect was indentified as Tracy Leon Smith, age 50, of Marina. During the time that Smith was in custody, he began complaining of a secondary undisclosed medical complaint and requested medical attention. The medical complaint was not related to any action of the officers in taking Smith into custody, or to the minor head wound he sustained while fleeing. Smith was subsequently taken to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula by ambulance for further evaluation by medical professionals. Once at the hospital, Smith was admitted for treatment and was released from custody with pending charges to be filed later with the Monterey County District Attorney's Office. Charges to be filed include felony evading of a police officer, driving on a suspended license, and resisting/delaying an officer.