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Sheriff's Media Release

Date/Time of Incident/Event: 10/9/13 at 10:40 p.m.
Location of Incident: 1300 Block of Riverside Road, Watsonville
Case Number: 13-8527
Type of Incident: Carjacking and vehicle pursuit
Suspect: None at this time

Description of Incident:

On 10/10/13 at approximately 10:40pm, a 53 year old woman was preparing to enter her stationary and running black Honda Accord (6RCC227) in the 1300 block of Riverside Road in Watsonville when an unknown white male ran towards her and pushed her to the ground. The suspect then entered the Honda and quickly drove away from the area, dragging a partially seated 32 year old female passenger approximately 5-10 ten feet until she fell out of the fleeing vehicle.

Local agencies were notified of the crime and the suspect was spotted by Monterey County Sheriff's Office in Monterey County. Monterey County Sheriff's Office attempted to stop the vehicle and the suspect refused to stop and lead Monterey County Deputies, Santa Cruz County Deputies and Watsonville Police Officers in a pursuit. The pursuit continued and was eventually discontinued in the area of Buena Vista and Southbound Highway 1 in the interest of public safety due to the suspect's erratic driving.

The suspect was described as an approximately 6'0 tall 200 pound white male with a medium build wearing a black sweatshirt and a red baseball hat with an unknown logo. The suspect is wanted for carjacking, vehicle theft, and evading law enforcement.

If you have any information regarding this case, please contact the Sheriff's Office at (831) 471-1121.

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