



Vacaville Police Department

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Press Release

Today's Date: Saturday, November 29, 2014
Date & Time Occurred: Saturday, November 29, 2014 9:07 a.m.
Submitted By: Lt. Denise Quatman, Field Operations Division
Phone: 707-449-5200
Type of Crime/Incident: Possession of a Stolen Vehicle; Carjacking
Location: 901 Mason Street, Vacaville
Suspects: Mario S. Avilia, 27 years old, Pittsburg Resident

Narrative:

On Saturday, November 29, 2014, at approximately 9:07 a.m., the Vacaville Police Department received a 9-1-1 call from a victim reporting his vehicle had just been taken. The victim was inside the gas station when he observed S-Avilia entering his vehicle. The victim ran out and attempted to stop the suspect and a struggle ensued. S-Avilia struck the victim with the car, drove through the corner landscaping of the gas station, and fled onto westbound I-80. The information was broadcast and CHP stopped S-Avilia near the I-80/I-680 interchange. S-Avilia was taken into custody without further incident. The victim sustained minor injuries and was transported to a local hospital.

Officers in Vacaville began interviewing witnesses and discovered S-Avilia had abandoned a vehicle that was parked across the street from the gas station; prior to the carjacking. Further investigation revealed S-Avilia had stolen that vehicle from a local car dealership, but it had mechanical issues and was left on the side of the road. S-Avilia was arrested for the carjacking and in addition, the possession of the first stolen vehicle. S-Avilia was booked into Solano County Jail.



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