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## **VEHICLE THEFT SUSPECT ARRESTED AFTER PURSUIT**

SEAL BEACH, CA — A vehicle theft suspect is in custody after leading police on a pursuit through Orange County.

On Thursday, April 15, 2021, at about 6:22 a.m, while getting ready for work, a resident discovered that his vehicle was no longer parked in the driveway of his house. Realizing that the vehicle theft had occurred within the previous few minutes, the resident called the police and began searching the neighborhood for the stolen vehicle. He located the stolen vehicle near the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Bolsa Avenue.

Officers immediately responded to the area and located the vehicle driving on Westminster Avenue. When they attempted to stop the car, the driver fled at a high rate of speed. Officers pursued the vehicle as it drove through west Orange County. The pursuing officers followed the vehicle into the city of Santa Ana where the driver attempted to evade officers by running on foot.

The suspect was taken into custody without incident moments later with the assistance of the Santa Ana Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Orange County Sheriff's Department helicopter, and a Cypress Police Department canine officer. The driver was uninjured.

Officers later discovered that the suspect was a 17 year-old juvenile male from Anaheim, California. He was later booked at Orange County Juvenile Hall.

This is an ongoing investigation. Anything with information is encouraged to contact Detective Bruno Balderrama at (562) 799-4100 ext. 1109 or [bbalderrama@sealbeachca.gov](mailto:bbalderrama@sealbeachca.gov).

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