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## SEAL BEACH POLICE INVOLVED IN PURSUIT RESULTING IN THE APPREHENSION OF CHILD ABUSE SUSPECT

Seal Beach, CA – the Seal Beach Police Department was involved in a vehicle pursuit that resulted in the apprehension of a child abuse suspect.

On Thursday, June 22, 2023, at about 3:37 pm, Seal Beach police officers were dispatched to the area of Heather Street and Guava Avenue in the City of Seal Beach regarding a welfare check of a young child located in the neighborhood without any parents or guardians in the vicinity. Officers arrived on scene and observed visible injuries to the four-year-old child's face and body. Officers requested paramedics to respond and began a child abuse investigation.

While paramedics were conducting a physical assessment of the child, the alleged abuser responsible for the child's injuries was observed driving in the neighborhood and an investigative traffic stop was initiated. The suspect fled from the traffic stop in his vehicle and a pursuit ensued.

The pursuit continued through the city of Garden Grove, onto the northbound 405 freeway and ultimately terminated by officers who could not determine if the suspect vehicle had continued northbound 405 or onto the northbound 605 freeway. Approximately three minutes later, the suspect vehicle was involved in a traffic collision in the City of Los Alamitos. The suspect fled from the vehicle on foot. With the assistance of Los Alamitos and Cypress police officers and the Huntington Beach police helicopter, the suspect was located and taken into custody.

The child was transported to a local hospital and Child Protective Services was contacted.

The driver of the vehicle involved in the traffic collision was transported to a local hospital with a complaint of pain.

The suspect was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries and subsequently medically cleared. No officers were injured during the incident.

The suspect was identified as Cody Rolfing, age 25, of Seal Beach, California. It was later determined that the suspect was not biologically related to the child but lives with the child's mother at the residence in Seal Beach.

Rolfing was later transported to Orange County Jail to be booked for CPC 273a(a), felony child abuse, CPC 148(a)(1), resisting arrest, CVC 2800.2, felony evading, and CVC 20001(a), felony hit and run resulting in injuries.

This is an ongoing investigation, anyone with information is asked to contact Sergeant Gibson at (562) 799-4100 ext. 1128 or [jgibson@sealbeachca.gov](mailto:jgibson@sealbeachca.gov).

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