



Banning Police Department

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Press Release

Date: February 7, 2014

Case: #14-381

Location: 1400 block Adam Street, 500 block Sunset Avenue

Reference: Assault on a Peace Officer/Vehicle Pursuit

On Thursday, February 7, 2014, at about 5:00 pm, two members of the San Gorgonio Special Operations Gang Task Force (SGSOGTF) attempted to contact a wanted Parolee at Large in the 1400 block of Adam Street, in the City of Banning. The parolee, Ryan Meeks, was in the driver's seat of a Chrysler 300 S, and when he was contacted he put the vehicle in reverse and fled. The task force members were nearly struck by the vehicle as Meeks fled.

A pursuit was initiated by another member of SGSOGTF and officers from the Banning Police Department assisted in the pursuit. Meeks fled northbound on Hargrave Street at a high rate of speed, running through several stop signs, and driving recklessly. Meeks continued westbound on Wilson Street, and in the area of Wilson Street and San Gorgonio Avenue the pursuit was terminated for public safety concerns.

Several minutes later, an observant citizen called 911 to report a suspicious male with tattoos on his face was wandering inside an apartment complex (500 block N. Sunset Avenue) asking tenants for a ride. The description of the suspicious male matched that of Meeks.

SGSOGTF members and Banning Police Officers arrived and immediately set up a perimeter. Meeks was quickly located inside of the apartment complex and was taken into custody without further incident. The Chrysler he had been driving was recovered nearby.

Meeks was charged with felony evading a peace officer, felony assault on a peace officer, and his parole warrant. He was booked into jail at the Larry Smith Correctional Facility, in Banning.



Ryan Meeks, age 27, Banning resident.

For inquiries contact the Banning Police Department Watch Commander, (951) 922-3170