



Date: 05/21/2018

Case # 18-1399

Location: 300 North Phillips Street, Banning.

Incident: Assault with a Deadly Weapon/Vehicle Pursuit

On Monday, May 21, 2018 at approximately 1520 hours, Officer from the Banning Police Department were dispatched to a shooting in the area of the 300 block of North Phillips Street, in the City of Banning. As Officer were responding, a suspect vehicle description was provided by the victim. A short time later, a vehicle matching the description provided was spotted leaving the area.

A traffic stop was initiated; however, the vehicle failed to stop and a vehicle pursuit ensued. The vehicle pursuit went into the City of Beaumont, where the driver of the vehicle stopped the vehicle, exited, and took off running from the vehicle. With the assistance of Beaumont Police Department, the suspect, identified as Ugochukwu Okoro, was located and placed under arrest in the 500 block of Euclid Avenue in the City of Beaumont.

As the investigation continued, it was learned that a verbal altercation between Okoro and the male victim took place in the 300 block of Phillips Street. During the verbal altercation, Okoro brandished a firearm and began to shoot several rounds at the male victim and his female companion that was present. No injuries were sustained by either victim in this incident.

Okoro was subsequently booked onto the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility of Felony Evading a Police Officer and Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

The Banning Police Department asks if anyone witnessed this incident or has additional information, they are encouraged to please contact the Banning Police Department at 951-922-3170.