



Banning Police Department

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Press Release

Date: May 28, 2010

Case #10-1966

Location: Nicolet Street x Geneva Street, Banning

Incident: Vehicle Pursuit

On 05-27-10, about 2214 hours, Banning Police Officers attempted to stop a vehicle that had a broken headlamp. The driver, who was later identified as Antonio Strange (age 28 of Banning), failed to stop. Officers believed the driver was possibly under the influence of alcohol or drugs and pursued the vehicle through the streets of Banning and onto Interstate 10.

The pursuit ended in Whitewater when Strange crashed into a dirt embankment. Strange fled the scene of the collision on foot and officers gave chase. Officers on scene asked for assistance from surrounding law enforcement agencies. Riverside County Sheriff's Deputies, Riverside County Sheriff's air support helicopter, California Highway Patrol Officers and a Palm Springs Police K-9 unit responded to assist. With the assistance from these agencies, Strange was located in the area attempting to hide near a residential tract of homes. Strange was found to be in possession of suspected methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Strange was arrested for felony evading and suspicion of driving while under the influence of drugs. Strange is currently on active California Department of Corrections parole and was booked into the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility in Banning.

Any information or inquires: Banning Police Department, (951) 849-1511