



## **Banning Police Department**

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### *Press Release*

**Date:** August 14, 2008

**Location:** Ramsey Street Business Corridor

**Incident:** Vehicle Pursuit

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On August 14, 2008, Banning Police Officers attempted to stop a black Chevrolet truck belonging to Shawn Denison of Banning, age 42. Officers attempted to stop Denison because it was reported that he and the occupants in his truck were involved in an altercation on the roadway in the area of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Ramsey Street. When Officers arrived in the area, they observed Denison leaving the area at a high rate of speed. When Officers tried to stop Denison he fled from the Officers. Denison eventually pulled over and allowed two female occupants to exit, but then continued to flee from Officers. Since Denison had been identified from prior law enforcement contacts, Officers determined to terminate the pursuit in the interest of preserving public safety as Denison was driving erratic and endangering other drivers on the roadway. Through investigation it was learned that the two females that Denison let out, had actually threatened to kill the reporting party and Denison tried to run the reporting party off the road approximately five times during the chase. The two females were identified as Melissa Montez, age 37, and Melinda Wilson, age 45, of Beaumont. They were subsequently arrested for Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Criminal Threats, Accessory to a Crime and being Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance. At this time Denison is still outstanding and a warrant will be sought for his arrest. During the pursuit that only lasted for 1.5 miles, no one was injured and no property damage was reported.

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