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Fleeing suspect injured by fall under police car

Riverside, CA -- A suspect seen driving a stolen vehicle and fleeing on foot ran into the side of a responding Riverside Police patrol car Monday afternoon. The suspect fell beneath the moving rear tire, which rolled over and broke his legs.

A residential burglary occurred at a home in the 5500-block of Rio Ranch Way on Friday, August 8, 2008, during which the suspects found keys to a gold-colored 2005 Ford Five Hundred sedan; the suspects subsequently stole the car as well.

Shortly after noon Monday, the burglary victims spotted their stolen car. They later located it in a parking lot near the intersection of Arlington and Street avenues. The victims called police at 12:44 p.m. A Riverside Police patrol car was in the area, immediately spotted the vehicle and activated its emergency lights. The vehicle took off onto northbound Streeter, leading police on a short one-minute pursuit, before the vehicle slowed and two male subjects jumped out. The suspects ran in opposite directions. The vehicle continued moving and crashed into a fence.

The suspect driver ran across a parking lot. According to witnesses, the suspect ran into the side of a responding Riverside Police car as it drove into the Sears parking lot, and fell. The police car's back tire ran over the suspect's legs. Medical aid was summoned. The suspect was transported to Riverside Community Hospital where he was treated for injuries.

The second suspect was apprehended at 1:06 p.m., several blocks away in the vicinity of Rexford and Sunnyside drives. The 16-year-old male juvenile was released to the custody of a parent.

The injured suspect, Henry VASQUEZ II, 18, of Riverside, was charged for auto theft, possession of stolen property and felony evading an officer.

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