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Stolen Car – Pursuit / Arrest

On Wednesday, July 28, 2010, at about 10:35 AM, Hawthorne police officers responded on a report of a Honda Civic stolen from the victim's residence in the 4000 block of 139th Street. Officers were told that the victim was in a second vehicle, following the suspect. A Hawthorne officer caught up to the suspect (driving the stolen car), and the victim (following in an SUV) in the area of Imperial Highway and Western.

When the officer attempted to pull the stolen car over, the suspect continued driving, and a short vehicle pursuit ensued. When conditions permitted, the officer used legal intervention to bring the vehicle pursuit to an end. The vehicle pursuit ended in the 1600 block of 113th Street, and lasted approximately 25 seconds in duration.

The suspect immediately exited the stolen Honda and began running from the scene. The officer gave chase on foot, and was able to catch up to the suspect and detain him at gunpoint. When additional officers arrived, the suspect was taken into custody without incident.

A search of the suspect yielded registration paperwork from a second reported stolen vehicle, which had already been recovered by law enforcement. Hawthorne police detectives are currently investigating the case.

In custody on suspicion of auto theft, possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools, and failure to yield:

Jose Hernandez, a 28 year old claiming to be a transient in the Hawthorne area

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