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## **Pursuit of DUI Driver / Stolen Vehicle**

**Incident # 120004717**

On January 22, 2012, at approximately 6:30 p.m., the Torrance Police Department received reports of a gray four door Jeep Cherokee driving in a reckless manner and at rate of speed southbound on Village Lane in the area of restaurant row south of Torrance Blvd. A short time later, additional reports were received that the same vehicle was driving in a reckless manner in the parking lot of the Del Amo Mall near Hawthorne Blvd and Sepulveda Blvd. The Cherokee exited the parking lot onto westbound Sepulveda Blvd where a marked Torrance Police Department patrol car saw the Cherokee. The officers turned on the patrol car's lights and siren in an attempt to stop the vehicle while driving westbound on Sepulveda Blvd from Hawthorne Blvd. The vehicle did not stop while accelerating to speeds of 80 mph and driving into opposite lanes of traffic.

As the suspect vehicle entered the intersection of Sepulveda Blvd and Anza Ave, it collided with an uninvolved gray two door Saturn that was driving northbound on Anza Ave. The suspect vehicle then spun out of control and struck two additional uninvolved vehicles in the intersection. There was a female adult and a three year child inside the uninvolved Saturn at the time of the collision, who were both transported to a local area hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

During the subsequent investigation, it was determined the Jeep Cherokee the suspect was driving was an unreported stolen vehicle. The driver of the fleeing vehicle was arrested by Torrance Police Officers and was identified as Charles Baines, 34 years of age, who resides in the City of Lomita. Baines was also transported to a local area hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. Baines was charged with Felony evading, suspicion of DUI, driving on a suspended license, and had several outstanding warrants.

The California Highway Patrol is handling the traffic collision investigation. The intersection of Sepulveda Blvd and Anza Ave is anticipated to be reopened by approximately 11 p.m.

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