



**CITY OF IRWINDALE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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ARMED SUBJECT ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING AT VEHICLES ON THE 210 FREEWAY AND THEN HOLDING AN AMBULANCE CREW AT GUNPOINT

Irwindale, CA: At 6:37 A.M. on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, officers from the Irwindale Police Department responded to the 600 block of Live Oak Avenue in the city of Irwindale regarding the report of an armed subject holding two ambulance crew members at gun point.

As officers were responding, the ambulance crew reported to the police dispatcher that the suspect fled the scene in a red 2015 Peterbilt semi-truck pulling an enclosed trailer. Arriving officers located the semi-truck on Longden Avenue at Myrtle Avenue in the city of Irwindale. Officers initiated a traffic stop, however the driver failed to stop and a short, slow-speed pursuit ensued, during which the suspect committed several dangerous violations of the California Vehicle Code.

The suspect vehicle eventually stopped the semi-truck on Peck Road at Wyland Way in Monrovia. The suspect immediately got out of the semi-truck and began to flee on foot, ignoring the officer's commands. The officers were forced to physically detain the suspect, during which an electro-muscular disruption technology (EMDT) device was successfully deployed. He was then arrested without further incident.

A loaded handgun was found in the suspect's possession at the time of his arrest.

During the investigation, it was found that the same suspect and vehicle were involved in a number of other incidents on the I-210 (Foothill Freeway) between the cities of Rancho Cucamonga and Azusa in which the suspect brandished and fired the firearm. In one instance, the suspect fired upon a disabled motorist, forcing him to run across the freeway and in another instance, the suspect fired into an occupied vehicle, striking the vehicle with gunfire. Luckily no one was injured in any of these incidents.

After being medically cleared at a local hospital, the suspect, Johnathan Gomez, a 37-year-old resident of El Paso, Texas, was booked at the West Covina City Jail where he is currently being held on \$1,000,000.00 bail.

Irwindale Police Department and the California Highway Patrol investigators are cooperatively investigating these incidents and multiple criminal charges, including attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, false imprisonment, resisting arrest, evading arrest, driving under the influence of drugs and number of weapons violations, are expected to be filed with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office later this week.

Anyone with information on any of these incidents are asked to contact Detective Diego Cornejo at (626) 430-2290 or by email at dcornejo@irwindaleca.gov. Information may also be provided to us anonymously by calling 800-222-TIPS or via www.lacrimestoppers.org.

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