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St. Petersburg Police Pursuit ends in Traffic Crash

Arrested:

Nicoli Karan Singh, DOB: 8-20-95 (Driver of the stolen vehicle).

Singh is charged with Auto Theft and two outstanding arrest warrants; one for Auto Theft and another one for Violation of Probation - Burglary.

Aric Lyndell Jackson, DOB: 10-13-95 (Passenger of the stolen vehicle).

Jackson is charged with False Imprisonment and Resisting Arrest (he also has a lengthy criminal history).

Synopsis:

This information is preliminary as the criminal investigation is still ongoing...

On Monday August 13, 2012 at about 4:15 p.m., two officers from the St. Petersburg Police Department’s Street Crimes Unit observed a suspicious vehicle at a gas station on the corner of 1st Avenue South and 34th Street South.

(The suspicious vehicle was later determined to be a stolen vehicle: a 2009 Suzuki Grand Vitara, silver in color, which had been reported stolen to the St. Petersburg Police Department on July 30, 2012. The owner of the stolen vehicle, Barbara Sloan, 67, 3719 Queen Street North, was out of town when the owner’s sister reported the vehicle stolen.)

One of the officers approached the Suzuki on foot while another officer was seated in a police cruiser nearby.

According to supervisors, the Suzuki accelerated suddenly and drove at the officer who was walking up to the car, causing the officer to jump out of the way to avoid being hit by the vehicle. The Suzuki then rammed the police cruiser occupied by the other officer.

Neither of the two police officers sustained any injuries.

At that point, two young girls (later determined to be 14 years old) tried to get out of the Suzuki when another occupant, Aric Lyndell Jackson, forced the two young girls back into the car against their will.

The Suzuki then fled from the scene, eastbound on 1st Avenue South from 34th Street South.

Officers initiated a police pursuit of the Suzuki as it drove eastbound on 1st Avenue South. A police supervisor authorized the officers to continue the pursuit.
The pursuit continued east on 1st Avenue South and at some point turned southbound and into the Roser Park neighborhood, then back westbound to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street South where it continued southbound to 22nd Avenue South and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street South.

The driver of the Suzuki, Nicoli Singh, drove into the Mobil gas station, 900 22nd Avenue South where he struck two vehicles in the gas station lot. Singh then stopped the vehicle and attempted to run from the scene, but both he and Jackson were arrested at the scene.

A driver in one of the vehicles struck in the gas station lot sustained a minor injury.

Investigators are interviewing the two 14 year old girls who were in the car, but Jackson is charged with False Imprisonment for forcing the two girls back into the stolen car against their will. Jackson also resisted against the officers during his arrest, which explains the second charge against him.

I do not have any more details at this time as the investigation is still ongoing...

A previous booking photo of Singh is attached to this media alert. I will send a second media alert with a previous booking photo of Jackson.

Information by Bill Proffitt on Monday August 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

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