



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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SYNOPSIS:

On Wednesday September 4th 2019, at about 08:17 p.m., deputies initiated a traffic enforcement stop on a red colored Dodge sedan near the intersection of Elkelton Boulevard and Jamacha Road in Spring Valley. The vehicle did not yield and a pursuit ensued westbound on Jamacha Road. At about 08:19 p.m., the vehicle collided with a silver colored Audi sedan near the intersection of Imperial Avenue and 69th Street in the city of San Diego. The pursuit lasted a total of about 2.5 minutes and covered a distance of about 2 miles at speeds of about 60mph. The driver of the Dodge sedan ran from the vehicle collision. Deputies pursued the male on foot and detained him a block from the collision. The male suspect was later identified as 29 year old Melvin Alexander. Alexander was arrested for 23152 CVC Driving Under the Influence, 2800.2 Felony Reckless Evading, 20002 (a) CVC Hit and Run and 3453 (q) PC Flash Incarceration.

No Sheriff's deputies were injured and no Sheriff's vehicles were damaged during the pursuit. San Diego Police Department is handling the driving under the influence and traffic collision investigation. The driver of the silver colored Audi was a 44 year old woman who was transported to a local hospital for a complaint of pain but had no visible injuries. The investigation is on-going.

Call Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 with information and you will remain anonymous. You can also download the P3 anonymous tip app. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest.

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