



# San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

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### SYNOPSIS:

On Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at approximately 8:52 p.m., a Deputy Sheriff assigned to the Lemon Grove Patrol Station was unloading his patrol car at the end of the shift. While doing this, an known transient male gained access to the patrol car and drove away. Deputies spotted the vehicle leaving the station and immediately began a pursuit, but lost sight of it as it drove eastbound on Broadway in Lemon Grove. As deputies continued to check the streets in Lemon Grove, a resident called 911 to report the abandoned patrol car in the 3500 block of Grove Street in Lemon Grove. Deputies located the vehicle several minutes later and detained a male who later admitted to stealing the patrol car. The male, identified as Matthew Porter (44 years old), was arrested and booked into county jail on multiple charges, including felony evading and auto theft.

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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