

San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Subject: Assault on Peace Officer Arrest - Fallbrook

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SYNOPSIS:

On September 4, 2018 at approximately 11:04 pm, deputies assigned to the Fallbrook Substation responded to 1455 Alturas Road in Fallbrook to investigate a report of an in-progress residential burglary suspect who had fled to that location. The victim had arrived at his home nearby and observed the suspects leaving his residential property in their vehicle and followed them to the location. The deputies observed the suspect in his vehicle and attempted to make contact. The suspect drove his vehicle at two deputies, causing both of them to quickly move in order to avoid being struck. The suspect drove to his residence in space #106 and ran inside. After numerous attempts to have the suspect exit the residence willingly, Sheriff's Special Enforcement Detail (SED) along with members of the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT), were notified. SED and CNT attempted to make contact with the suspect but he continued to be uncooperative. Chemical agents were eventually deployed and the suspect, identified as Walter Wilches (age 28), exited the residence and was taken into custody shortly thereafter at approximately 4:00 am. Wilches will be booked into custody at the Vista Detention Facility for Assault on a Peace Officer.

Call Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 with information and you will remain anonymous. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to a felony arrest.