



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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SYNOPSIS:

On 11/26/2018 at about 2:00 PM, deputies from the Border Crimes Suppression Team were conducting directed patrol in the Otay Mesa area. Deputies observed a Chevy pickup truck near Caliente Avenue and Otay Mesa Road with three occupants and stopped it for a minor traffic infraction.

The driver, identified as Christian Eduardo Saldana Medina (06-28-92), initially yielded and was cooperative with deputies. While deputies were conducting routine record checks on the occupants, Medina suddenly sped away from the deputies at a high rate of speed in an attempt to get away. The deputies pursued the vehicle for about one and a half miles until Medina collided into a tractor trailer at the corner of Pacific Rim Court and Camino Maquiladora. The Chevy truck became trapped under the trailer of the big rig.

All three occupants of the Chevy sustained injuries and were transported to local hospitals, one by helicopter. The driver of the Chevy, was arrested for Felony Evading and Felony Evading w/ injury. One of the passengers, identified as Edgar Quintana Valenzuela (12/03/1979), was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Paraphernalia. The third occupant was not arrested.