Merced Police Department

NEWS RELEASE

Date: 06-08-14

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For Immediate Release

Incident: Domestic Violence and Vehicle Pursuit Arrest

Date and Time: June 8, 2014, @ 1:04 AM
Location: 1900 Block of Ashwood Drive, City of Merced

Case Number: 14-25751

Charge: Domestic Violence Assault, False Imprisonment, Vehicle Pursuit

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On 06/08/14, at approximately 1:04 AM, Officers were sent to 1994 Ashwood Drive on the report that Albert Meidel Jr 47 of Merced had assaulted his girlfriend and was holding her against her will. Upon arrival, the suspect, Albert Meidel Jr took off at a high rate of speed in his car. Officer Jose Cruz caught up to him and tried to make a stop and Meidel sped off leading them on a short pursuit that lasted just over two minutes. While chasing Meidel he reached speeds up to 90 MPH on residential streets and ran two stops signs at more than 50 MPH. The Pursuit ended when Meidel pulled back into his driveway and ran from the vehicle. He was quickly caught and arrested for several charges. The domestic violence victim said that she was assaulted by Meidel and he would not let her leave the house. When a witness told Meidel that she had called 911 Meidel walked outside to leave and the victim ran to a neighbor's house for safety. That is when officers arrived and the suspect fled.

Albert Meidel Jr was booked for several felony charges at the Merced County Jail. Anyone with information is urged to call Merced Police Department at (209) 385-6912

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