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ARREST OF MOTORCYCLIST WHO FLED FROM OFFICERS

(San Diego) On August 15, 2008 at about 10:30 p.m. a patrol officer broadcast that he was trying to pull over a motorcyclist in the area of Interstate 15 north near Highway 94. The officer indicated that the motorcycle driver was pulling away from the officer at a high rate of speed.

The SDPD helicopter ABLE responded to the area in an effort to locate the motorcycle driver. The motorcyclist was located on northbound Interstate 15 traveling at about 100 miles per hour. The tactical flight officer (TFO) broadcast the location of the motorcyclist to responding officers who eventually located the man behind an apartment complex at 4500 37th Street.

The man had exited Interstate 805 at University Avenue and continued on surface streets at speeds near 90 miles per hour. The suspect blacked out the motorcycle to make it more difficult for officers to find him. The TFO kept the suspect in sight and guided patrol officers to where he was hiding.

The suspect was taken into custody without incident. The suspect's name is Martin Sanchez, 21. He was charged with felony evading, driving on a suspended license and driving under the influence.

A DVD with video of this incident is available at the SDPD headquarters front counter until 5 p.m. today.

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