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SDPD HELICOPTER (ABLE) SLOW SPEED PURSUIT

(San Diego) On December 18, 2008 at about 3:50 p.m. we received a call regarding the driver of a small black Mercedes ramming another car at Arriba Street and Regents Road in a shopping center parking lot. Further reports from witnesses indicated that the driver of the Mercedes got out of her car and began hitting the driver of the car she had rammed.

The female suspect then got back into her car and drove away. Officers arrived on scene and located the suspect's vehicle on Nobel near Town Center Drive. The officers tried to stop the suspect vehicle, but she failed to stop. The SDPD helicopter ABLE arrived on scene and videotaped the incident as the female drove her car around the University Town Center area at very slow speeds; failing to stop for the officers.

Spike strips were deployed on La Jolla Village Drive near Executive Way; the strips flattened the tires on the Mercedes and the suspect stopped her vehicle and was arrested. The suspect is Thuy Nguyen, 29. She was arrested for 243(a) PC – assault on a person; 245(a)(1) – assault with intent to commit great bodily injury and 2800.2 VC – evading a police officer. She is currently being held at the Vista Detention Facility on these charges and an immigration hold.

The victim was not seriously injured.

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