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## San Diego Police Department

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### SDPD HELICOPTER (ABLE) PURSUIT

**(San Diego)** On October 6, 2008 at about 10 p.m. the SDPD helicopter (ABLE) was notified of a driver who had failed to yield to an officer (for a traffic violation) at Euclid Avenue and Division Street. The driver initially appeared as if he was going to pull over, but then changed his mind and drove off. ABLE joined the incident at 61st and Division Streets.

The suspect drove on several surface streets at speeds ranging from about 30 to 60 mph. He eventually drove into Lemon Grove and worked his way through that city until reaching Highway 94. The suspect continued east on Highway 94 to Steele Canyon Road, where he turned south. At this point, the SDPD supervisor in charge of the pursuit advised officers to drop off the pursuit. ABLE continued to follow the suspect.

The suspect drove back toward Willow Glenn Road then east on Dehesa Road. It appeared he was headed toward the Sycuan Indian Casino. Sycuan security personnel were notified of the approach of the suspect. The suspect eventually arrived at Sycuan Casino and as he pulled up to the main entrance, he exited his car and ran into the casino. CHP officers caught up to the suspect vehicle as he made the final turn into the driveway of the casino. They chased him on foot into the casino. A few minutes later they (along with our officers) advised they had taken the suspect into custody.

The suspect's name is Todd Tucker, 43 and his charges include: driving on a suspended license, driving under the influence, resisting and evading the police.

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