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SDPD PURSUIT OF STOLEN CAR

(San Diego) On January 29, 2009 at about 11 a.m. the SDPD helicopter (ABLE) was notified of an officer in Central Division who was following a stolen vehicle in the area of 3400 Main Street.

The vehicle in question was a 1995 green Honda Civic occupied by three males. The suspects got onto Interstate 15 and traveled north at a high rate of speed. Officers on the ground tried to initiate the stop and the suspects failed to yield to the officers. The suspects took the north Interstate 805 ramp and it appeared for a moment that they would jump out of the car and flee on foot. They did not do so, rather, they continued on the ramp between Interstates 805 and 15 in the stolen car.

The suspects eventually exited on Adams Avenue and went east. They turned south on West Talmadge Drive and then north onto East Talmadge where several officers converged upon them. The suspects ran from the stolen car and officers chased them on foot. With guidance from the tactical flight officer (TFO) in ABLE, the officers were able to take all three suspects into custody.

The driver's name is Antonio Figueroa, 33 and his charges include: driving without a license, possession of burglary tools, evading the police and auto theft. The other two suspects are juveniles whose names will not be released. They were turned over to their parents.

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