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INFORMATION RELEASE

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Deputy Sheriff Recovering After Sustaining Injuries Due to a Traffic Accident After a High-Speed Chase

On January 1, 2014, at 7:36 p.m., Deputy Sheriff Rick Mroz was on patrol and observed a stolen white 1998 Honda Civic traveling on Highway 12 near Chadborne Road in Fairfield. Deputy Mroz attempted to stop the vehicle by turning on his enforcement lights and siren, but the vehicle failed to stop and began accelerating to high speeds. The stolen vehicle attempted to turn onto southbound Pennsylvania Boulevard from westbound Highway 12 but lost control and ended up in a field near the intersection. Deputy Mroz also attempted to make the turn in pursuit of the vehicle but crashed into a light pole in the intersection. Deputy Mroz had to be extricated from his vehicle by the Fairfield Fire Department before being taken to a local hospital for treatment. He remains at the hospital and is recovering. Deputy Mroz has been a deputy sheriff with the Sheriff's Office for 7 months.

Two subjects fled from the stolen vehicle and ran from pursuing deputies. Desiree Bello, a 20-year-old Antioch resident, was arrested after a short foot chase and booked into the Solano County Jail for evading a peace officer causing injury, possessing a stolen vehicle, and resisting arrest. She is being held at the Solano County Jail on \$70,000 bail, and her court date is scheduled for January 6, 2014.

Edward Asis, a 27-year-old Concord resident, fled the vehicle and was located about 90 minutes later with the assistance of a CHP helicopter. Asis was arrested for the same charges and is being held in the Solano County Jail on \$70,000 bail. His court date is also scheduled for January 6, 2014.

The Solano County Sheriff's Office is handling the stolen vehicle investigation, and the Fairfield Police Department is investigating the accident.



Edward Asis



Desiree Bello

Please contact me if you have any questions pertaining to this press release.

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