

NEWS RELEASE



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Case Number: 21-020013

UPDATE:

The vehicle and suspect in this case were located in the City of Irvine and La Mesa Police Detectives are working closely with the Irvine Police Department on this investigation. The suspect is currently in custody on unrelated charges in Orange County and has been identified as 29 year old Tymody Wallace. The La Mesa Police Department is pursuing charges against him for carjacking, felony battery, and elder abuse.

Carjacking

On August 26th, 2021 at approximately 9:25 AM, a La Mesa Police Officer was conducting a traffic stop at Grossmont Center Drive and Murray Drive when he heard a male yelling for help. The officer immediately went to assist the man, an 82-year-old resident of El Cajon, and learned the man had been carjacked.

Further investigation revealed the victim picked up the suspect in El Cajon, after the victim became disoriented and the suspect offered to assist him. The two traveled together to La Mesa, where an argument ensued inside the victim's vehicle. The suspect struck the victim in the head and forced him out of the vehicle. The suspect drove away in the victim's vehicle and was last seen driving westbound on Murray Drive from Grossmont Center Drive.

The victim's vehicle is described as: silver 2016 Jeep Cherokee, California license plate 7REG835. If you see the vehicle, please call 9-1-1 and do not approach the vehicle.

The suspect is described as a Black male adult in his 30s, approximately 5'7" with a thin build and short hair. He was last seen wearing a tan t-shirt.

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