



CITY OF PLEASANT HILL

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Crime / Incident: Suicide Attempt

Date / Time Reported: September 21, 2020, 5:57 pm

Location: 200 Block Cortsen Road, Pleasant Hill

Case Number: 20-3085

Suspect: 46 year old male

On Monday, September 21, 2020, at 5:57 PM, Pleasant Hill Police Officers were dispatched to a call on Cortsen Rd. where it was reported that an intoxicated male wearing a ballistic vest had discharged a firearm in public. Upon police arrival, the man was seen driving his vehicle away from the scene. Pleasant Hill Police officers attempted to make a traffic stop but the man fled.

During a pursuit, the man pulled his vehicle to the side of the road, exited and pointed an assault rifle at the pursuing officers. One officer was forced to perform an evasive driving maneuver and collided with a fence. The man re-entered his vehicle and continued fleeing from police.

The subject fled to Pleasant Hill Elementary School (2097 Oak Park Blvd) where he rammed his vehicle through a security gate and drove onto the campus. There, he exited the vehicle with the assault rifle and multiple high capacity magazines and fled on foot. As officers were arriving and establishing a perimeter for public safety, the man attempted to commit suicide with the firearm. The time elapsed from the beginning of the pursuit to the attempted suicide was approximately eight minutes.

Officers performed life-saving measures and the man was subsequently transported to John Muir Hospital where he remains in grave condition on life support. Because this was an attempted suicide, this individual's name is not being released at this time.

This incident is being jointly investigated by the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office and the Pleasant Hill Police Department. Anyone with information with additional information regarding this incident is encouraged to call Sgt. Ron Priebe at 925-288-4600

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