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Dangerous Carjacking Suspect Arrested

Date: May 29, 2015

Arrestee: Jason Charles Petrilla, 41 years old, Westminster resident

Charges: Carjacking, Burglary, and Parole Violation

Arrest Location: 9800 Block of Bolsa Avenue, Westminster, CA

Westminster, CA: On May 20th, 2015 a male adult suspect placed a knife to the throat of a 50 year old female and stole her car that was parked at the Saigon City Supermarket located at Brookhurst Street and McFadden Avenue. In spite of many officers checking the area after the crime, the suspect got away.

The next day, the suspect went back to the Saigon City Supermarket and tried to return and receive a refund for medication he had located in the female victim's car. Pharmacy staff recognized the suspect as the carjacker, and a few minutes later reported what the suspect tried to do to a Westminster police officer who happened to be patrolling in the market parking lot. Unfortunately, the suspect was again able to escape the area.

While investigating, officers were able to obtain a photo of the suspect from pharmacy surveillance cameras, and in an effort to identify him our crime analyst disseminated an information bulletin. One of our Special Investigation Detectives saw the bulletin and positively identified the suspect as Jason Charles Petrilla.

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On May 28th, 2015, Westminster detectives went to Petrilla's home where they located the female victim's stolen car parked in the driveway. They also found Petrilla hiding within his home and took him into custody without incident.

In addition to being wanted for carjacking, Petrilla also had felony warrants. Our Robbery/Homicide Investigators are filing this case with the District Attorney's Office and will be actively involved through the prosecution phase. This case was an excellent example of how an evasive suspect was ultimately apprehended through teamwork, communication, and tenacity.

The Westminster Police Department asks that anyone with information regarding this incident, or the suspect involved, please call the Westminster police detectives at (714) 548-3737. Anonymous tips can also be reported to Orange County Crime Stoppers at 1-855-TIP-OCCS; or visit their website at <http://www.occrimestoppers.org/>