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News Release

Wanted Suspected Arrested, Stolen Vehicle Recovered

Goleta, CA – On Thursday, August 9, 2018, deputies and a probation officer assigned to the AB109 Compliance Response Team (CRT) observed 22-year old Andrew Sebastian Lopez walking through Goleta Beach Park. Lopez is on Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS) probation and was wanted on a no bail arrest warrant.

CRT members attempted to contact Lopez who immediately fled on foot through the Goleta Beach parking lot, resulting in a short foot pursuit. A CRT deputy was able to intercept Lopez and attempted to get Lopez into custody. Lopez sprayed water at the deputy and tried to strike the deputy with closed fists. The deputy avoided Lopez' assault and took Lopez to the ground where he was handcuffed with the assistance of other CRT members. Lopez' fall resulted in a laceration to his arm. Paramedics responded to Goleta Beach and treated Lopez' injury.

During a search of Lopez' backpack, incident to his arrest, deputies located numerous hypodermic needles, one of which was loaded with suspected heroin. Deputies also found an ignition key to a Ford vehicle inside Lopez' backpack. A search of the Goleta Beach parking lot revealed the ignition key was associated with a Ford Escape, parked near the Beachside Restaurant. The vehicle had recently been reported stolen to the Santa Barbara Police Department.

Lopez was booked into Santa Barbara County Jail for 69 PC – Resist officer with force, 241(c) PC – Assault against a peace officer, 10851 VC – Vehicle theft & and his no bail arrest warrant. Additional charges are being sought for 11364 HS – Possess drug paraphernalia & 11350 HS – Posses heroin.

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