PRESS RELEASE

MOTORCYCLIST LEADS CHP ON MULTI-COUNTY PURSUIT

On Sunday, September 20th, 2015, at approximately 9:20 PM, an officer assigned to the Marin Area CHP office was on routine patrol on US-101 southbound near Central San Rafael when he observed a motorcycle traveling ahead of him at a high rate of speed. The officer positioned his patrol vehicle behind the motorcycle and activated his overhead emergency lighting and attempted to conduct an enforcement stop. Almost immediately the motorcyclist accelerated to well over 100 MPH in an attempt to evade the officer. As the motorcycle sped southbound toward Sir Francis Drake Boulevard the officer advised dispatchers that he was in pursuit and requested a CHP airship respond to the area to assist. The light traffic conditions at the time allowed the officer to safely continue to pursue the motorcyclist as he exited at Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and then re-entered northbound US-101 toward I-580. As he re-entered US-101, the motorcyclist accelerated to well over 100 MPH causing the pursuing officer to lose sight of him. The officer advised dispatchers that he had lost visual of the motorcycle and discontinued his pursuit.

Shortly after dispatchers were advised that the motorcyclist was out of sight, CHP helicopter H-30 advised they had a visual of the motorcyclist now traveling eastbound on I-580 in Richmond at speed in excess of 100 MPH. Oakland CHP officers were notified and positioned themselves to intercept the motorcycle as it entered their area. As one of the waiting CHP units pulled onto the freeway in an attempt to overtake the high speed motorcycle the rider accelerated to approximately 130 MPH and sped away from the ground unit. Due to the riders reckless disregard for the safety of others on the roadway, all CHP ground units discontinued their attempts to catch up and allowed the helicopter to continue following.

H-30 continued following the motorcyclist as he passed through the Oakland and Hayward areas, and eventually into the San Jose area, at consistent speeds of over 100 MPH. Several times the motorcycle was clocked at traveling upwards of 150 MPH and was seen using all lanes of traffic, even when no ground units were pursuing. Due to the fact that the helicopter was overhead and able to follow the motorcyclist no CHP ground units re-entered the pursuit at any time. H-30’s flight officer continuously updated dispatchers and ground units of the motorcyclist’s location. Eventually, the motorcyclist exited US-101 at Montague Expressway in San Jose and proceeded to head west, toward Trimble Road. Shortly thereafter, the motorcyclist collided with the left rear of a 2014 Dodge Charger driven by 26 year old Julio Jose Narvaez-Orozco of Milpitas. The rider, identified at the scene as 36 year old Randall Lee Talley II of San Jose, was ejected from his motorcycle and sustained moderate to major injuries as a result of the collision. H-30 provided the location of the collision to CHP officers who responded to the scene. Talley was transported by paramedics to a local hospital for treatment where CHP officers subsequently placed him under arrest.

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Due to the extent of his injuries, Talley was released into the care and custody of the hospital. As the pursuit began in Marin, a report will be forwarded to the Marin County District Attorney’s Office recommending Talley be charged with a felony count of evading a police officer amongst other charges still being investigated.

This incident highlights the team effort between CHP officers on the ground and in the air. This individual chose to ride recklessly even though no CHP officers were following him, putting himself and everyone around him at risk. CHP officers on the ground were able to discontinue their pursuit of this dangerous driver while our helicopter continued to follow, lessening the risk to other motorists while ensuring the motorcyclist could be caught.

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