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PRESS INFORMATION

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Attempted Robbery

CASE NUMBER:18-01518

GENERAL LOCATION: Rolling Hills Casino, Corning

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: August 9th 2018@ 9:43 am

VICTIM NAME: Rolling Hills Casino

ADDRESS: 2655 Everett Freeman Way, Corning

ARRESTEE NAME: Hernandez, Christopher Zerr

AGE: 49

ADDRESS: Third Street, Anderson CA

CHARGES: 664/211 PC- Attempted Robbery

2800.2 CVC- Felony Reckless Evading

23152 CVC- Driving Under the Influence



BAIL: \$105,000

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: On August 9th, 2018 at about 9:43 am, Tehama County Sheriff's Deputies and Corning Police Officers responded to the Rolling Hills Casino regarding a robbery in progress. The suspect, later identified as Christopher Hernandez left the Casino in a Tan, 2000 GMC pickup, prior to the arrival of law enforcement officers. Corning Police Officers located the suspect vehicle and initiated a traffic stop on Interstate 5, near Corning Road. Mr. Hernandez failed to yield, and Corning Police Officers initiated a pursuit Northbound on Interstate 5, towards the city of Red Bluff.

Upon intercepting the suspect vehicle, California Highway Patrol Officers and Tehama County Sheriff's Deputies assumed control over the pursuit. Mr. Hernandez drove recklessly, with willful and wanton disregard for public safety. During the pursuit, Mr. Hernandez swerved in and out of traffic, while driving at speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. Tehama County Sheriff's Deputies deployed a tire spike strip on Interstate 5, near the Northbound, Red Bluff, Antelope Blvd exit, which partially disabled Mr. Hernandez's truck. Assisting CHP Officers deployed a second tire spike strip which effectively disabled Mr. Hernandez's truck. Mr. Hernandez abruptly veered off the East shoulder of the interstate, just north of the Red Bluff, Adobe Road off-ramp. The truck drove through a barbed wire cattle fence, into an open field and ultimately crashed into a dry creek bed. Responding Deputies and Officers took Mr. Hernandez into custody without incident. During the arrest, a fire ignited underneath Mr. Hernandez's truck which Deputies were able to extinguish before it grew out of control.

An investigation by Tehama County Sheriff's Deputies revealed that prior to the pursuit, Mr. Hernandez entered the Rolling Hills Casino and approached the main cash station. Mr. Hernandez informed casino staff that he had a gun and demanded entry into the cash cage. As casino security personnel responded, Mr. Hernandez fled the grounds without gaining access to the cash cage. No firearms were located in Mr. Hernandez's possession or within his vehicle. Rolling Hills Casino did not sustain any monetary loss. Mr. Hernandez was booked into the Tehama County Jail for the listed charges.

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