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Unlawful Flight

Location of Incident: 10754 S. Commercial Centre Loop, Yuma, AZ

On Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at approximately 12:21 AM, the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office (YCSO) responded to the Taco Bell located at 10754 S. Commercial Centre Loop in reference to a trespass.

YCSO Deputies made contact with the suspect who was asked to leave the area. He complied, but left the area at a high rate of speed. Further investigation into the suspect and vehicle revealed he was driving a stolen vehicle and was a wanted suspect of Somerton Police Department.

Deputies regained visual of the vehicle and a traffic stop was attempted. The suspect failed to yield and fled from Deputies. The vehicle and suspect were located stopped in a secluded area shortly after the vehicle fled.

Commands were given to the suspect to exit the vehicle. The suspect refused to cooperate and would periodically rev his engine as his vehicle faced patrol units. The suspect eventually exited the vehicle, but attempted to get back in. A less than lethal weapon system was deployed, striking the suspect, causing him to fall. He was safely taken into custody and booked without incident. The Somerton Police Department responded and recovered the stolen vehicle.

The suspect, Carlos Chin, 34, of Somerton, AZ, was arrested and booked into the Yuma County Detention Center for Unlawful Flight from Law Enforcement, Burglary, and Theft of Means of Transportation.

YCSO has recently transitioned all of their shotguns to less lethal weapon systems. The shotguns are using ‘Super Sock’ rounds which gives the Deputies alternative options to deescalate a situation using less than lethal force.

The suspect received minor injuries from the impact of the super socks. No other injuries were sustained by any other persons. This case remains under investigation at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this case, please contact the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office at 928-783-4427 or 78-CRIME to remain anonymous. You can also visit our website at www.yumacountysheriff.org to submit an anonymous tip.

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