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La Habra Police Department Press Release

UPDATE - Suspect that rammed patrol vehicle with his vehicle has been apprehended

La Habra, CA – September 13, 2019: On September 12, 2019, La Habra Police Officers were dispatched to the 900 block of West Las Lomas Dr. after a citizen called to report a suspicious vehicle parked in the area for over an hour. The citizen reported that the vehicle was not known to the area and was occupied. Officers arrived on scene and located a Gold Nissan Altima with the license plate of 7LQL668. The officers quickly learned that the vehicle had been reported stolen from the City of Norwalk.

The driver, who was described as a White male, in his 20's, 5-08, with blonde hair, intentionally rammed into one of the officer's patrol vehicle that was still occupied by the officer. Both vehicles sustained damage with the suspect fleeing in the stolen vehicle.

After speaking with witnesses and reviewing evidence, La Habra Police Detectives were able to identify the suspect as James Rodger Saaf (M, 21). Detectives narrowed their search for the suspect to the area of Leffingwell Rd. and Lambert Rd., in the City of Whittier. On contact, Saaf again attempted to flee, this time on foot, but detectives were able to quickly and safely take him into custody.

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Detectives also located the vehicle involved in the assault, near the area of First Ave. and Leffingwell Rd. At this time there are no outstanding suspects or vehicles.

The La Habra Police Department would like to take the time to thank the public for all their support and their assistance in locating and apprehending this suspect.

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