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INFORMATION RELEASE



Roman Francisco Barrozo III

Lance Jerome Thompson

Vehicle Pursuit Leads to Arrests for Weapons Violations Solano County Sheriff's Office

September 19, 2012

On September 19, 2012, at approximately 2:45AM, a uniformed Solano County Sheriff's deputy in a marked unit attempted to stop a vehicle in the area of Laurel and Alhambra, in Vallejo, for a minor vehicle code violation. The vehicle failed to stop for the marked unit and began to flee at a high rate of speed. After failing to stop at several stop signs and traffic lights, the pursuit entered eastbound Interstate 80, and then continued westbound on Highway 37. The pursuit eventually returned to the Vallejo area by exiting and then reentering Highway 37 eastbound. As the suspect vehicle was traveling on the bridge over the Mare Island Straits, the suspect attempted to toss a shotgun out of the passenger window of the suspect vehicle. The shotgun was recovered by units involved in the chase. An unidentified trucker attempted to block the path of the fleeing suspect vehicle with his truck. Unfortunately, the suspect vehicle was able to pass the truck, and the truck struck

one of the marked patrol units involved in the chase causing significant damage to the vehicle. There were no reported injuries stemming from the collision. The suspect vehicle was temporarily lost in the area of westbound Interstate 80 at the Tennessee Street offramp. The vehicle was then located by Vallejo Police units parked on the 100 block of Edgemont Street. Early in the pursuit, the sole driver of the vehicle was observed by two on-duty Vallejo police officers, who were able to positively identify him, from previous contacts, as 31-year-old Roman Francisco Barrozo III. That information is what lead officers to the Edgemont Street address. Barrozo and his roommate, 28-year-old Lance Thompson, were contacted at the residence and both were taken into custody after evidence was recovered pursuant to a consent search of the residence.

Barrozo was booked into the Solano County Jail on a variety of charges including felony evading a police vehicle, hit and run felony, removing a serial number from a firearm, possession of a sawed-off shotgun, possession of large capacity magazines, possession of brass knuckles, and resisting a peace officer in the performance of his/her duty.

Thompson was taken into custody for violation of probation, possession of high capacity magazines, and being a felon in possession of ammunition.

If you have any questions pertaining to this press release, please contact me at the below listed telephone number.

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