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STOLEN VEHICLE SUSPECT ARRESTED AFTER SHORT PURSUIT

July 18, 2022 - At approximately 8:00 PM, Menifee PD Officers located a stolen vehicle near Newport Road and Calle Tomas. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver failed to yield. Officers pursued the vehicle north on Bradley Road. The suspect collided with a raised curb near Bradley and Desert Hills and lost control of the vehicle, causing it to flip onto its roof.

After a short period of time, officers were able to remove the suspect from the vehicle and took him into custody. The suspect was identified as 52-year-old Zelia Murphy from the City of Riverside. As a result of the collision, Murphy was transported to a local hospital with moderate injuries.

A records check of Murphy revealed him to have a felony warrant out of Riverside County for Domestic Violence and Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

Murphy will be booked into the Cois Byrd Detention Center for Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Felony Eluding, and his Felony Warrants.

The roadway was partially closed for a short period of time to protect officers and the tow truck driver. No other vehicles were involved in the collision.





