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## ARMED ROBBERY AND MAIL THEFT SUSPECT ARRESTED

**MENIFEE, CA –** On July 18, 2023, at about 11:20 A.M., Menifee Police Officers responded to a robbery in the 28400 block of Cathedral Street. The victim, a United States Postal Service worker, told officers they were robbed at gunpoint while delivering mail in the area. The suspect had fled the scene, but the victim was able to provide officers with a description of the suspect and the suspect's vehicle, a white Kia Optima.

Dispatch provided the descriptions to surrounding agencies and at about 2:33 P.M., the Riverside County Sheriff's Department advised they were following a vehicle matching the description. They attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver refused, and a pursuit began. The pursuit went through the Sheriff's jurisdiction and ended in Menifee in a minor collision with another vehicle at McCall Boulevard and Briggs Road.

The uninvolved vehicle's three passengers were treated for minor injuries at the scene and the two passengers in the suspect vehicle were juveniles who did not sustain injuries. Both juveniles were safely taken into custody.

The victim of the robbery positively identified one of the juveniles as the suspect from earlier in the day and both juveniles were booked into juvenile hall for robbery and other felony charges.

The Menifee Police Department will continue to partner with the United States Postal Service Inspector in this investigation. We are thankful for the team effort with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department that safely removed a mail theft suspect from Menifee.

If anyone has any additional information about this incident, please contact Detective Torres at <u>mtorres@MenifeePolice.org</u>.

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