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Suspect Arrested for Felony Eluding and Identity Theft

South Pasadena (Calif.) – On Thursday, January 11, 2024, at approximately 02:00 a.m., a South Pasadena police officer on routine patrol saw two vehicles engaged in suspicious activity near the 2000 block of Pine Street. Both vehicles committed the same traffic infraction and the officer attempted to pull them over. Both vehicles accelerated in an attempt to elude the traffic stop.

The driver of one of the vehicles lost control during a turn and crashed into a traffic signal in the 1100 block of West Commonwealth Avenue in the City of Alhambra. The vehicle was disabled, and two female suspects fled from the vehicle and ran into a nearby business. The other vehicle continued speeding away.

South Pasadena police officers detained the driver of the disabled vehicle, 27-year-old Emily Anne Harjo and passenger, 28-year-old Brandy Irene Harjo, both residents of Garden Grove. Emily Harjo is currently on probation for theft, was driving on a suspended driver's license, and has an active no-bail warrant previously issued for her arrest.

Officers located evidence of identity theft and drug possession during their investigation. Emily Harjo was arrested on suspicion of felony eluding, identity theft, drug possession, and driving on a suspended license. She is being held pending arraignment and will then be released to the custody of the Orange County Sheriff's Department for the no-bail warrant. Brandy Harjo was arrested on suspicion of drug possession and was released with a citation following her booking.

We encourage anyone with additional information to contact the South Pasadena Police Department at (626) 403-7297. If you would like to provide an anonymous tip, you may call "Crime Stoppers" by dialing: (800) 222-TIPS (8477).

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