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David Curtis Faulkenberry

## **Suspect Arrest For Second High Speed Pursuit in One Month**Solano County Sheriff's Office

March 12, 2012

David Curtis Faulkenberry, a 24-year-old Vallejo resident has been arrested for the second time in one month for driving a stolen car and becoming involved in a high speed pursuit attempting to flee from law enforcement officers.

On March 9, 2012, just before 9:00 PM, Faulkenberry was observed driving a 1991 Acura. A Solano County Sheriff's Deputy spotted the vehicle and ran the license plate to learn that the car was reported stolen to the California Highway Patrol. Additional units responded to the scene prior to a traffic stop being initiated. Deputies observed Faulkenberry fail to stop for a posted stop sign at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Benicia Road in Vallejo. They activated their emergency lights to stop Faulkenberry at which time he sped away. During the course of the pursuit which lasted for about 2 miles, speeds ranged from 35-75 miles per hour. Faulkenberry failed to stop for several red-phase traffic signals and numerous stop signs. He was also fleeing from deputies while driving in the opposing traffic lanes. As Mr. Faulkenberry attempted to turn eastbound onto Woodrow Street from Maple Street, he lost control of the vehicle, and it slid through the intersection

coming to rest on the sidewalk on the southeast corner of the intersection. Mr. Faulkenberry attempted to flee from the vehicle on foot, but was shortly tackled by a Vallejo Police Office who was assisting in the chase.

Mr. Faulkenberry did sustain a minor contusion below his left eye. It could not be determined in this injury was sustained as a result of the collision with the curb, or during the course of his arrest. Mr. Faulkenberry invoked his Miranda Rights and refused to speak about his injury, or the stolen car he was driving. He was transported to the Northbay Medical Center where he was cleared for incarceration in the Solano County Jail. Mr. Faulkenberry was booked into the Solano County Jail on a variety of charges including Grand Theft Auto, Felony Evading a Peace Officer, Possession of Stolen Property, Resisting Arrest, and Committing a Felony while out on bail for a previous felony.

Based on Mr. Faulkenberry's reckless and wonton disregard for public safety he displayed during the commission of this offense, as well as his recent similar prior offense, a bail enhancement was requested and approved by Judge Cynda Unger. Mr. Faulkenberry is currently being held on a \$200,000 bail. He is scheduled to be arraigned in court on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, in Department 21.

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