



# PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF INCIDENT		CASE NUMBER	
Felony Evading a Police Officer/Reckless Driving; Possession of a Stolen Auto; Possession of a Loaded Firearm not Registered to Subject		H18-1535	
DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT	LOCATION OF INCIDENT		
09-25-2018 1:26pm	3600 San Pablo Ave		
VICTIM	AGE	CITY	
State of California			
RESPONSIBLE	AGE	CITY	
Simmons, Paris	27	Richmond	
ARRESTED?	CHARGE	BAIL	
Yes	2800.2 VC; 496d PC; and 29850(c) PC	\$120,000	

**SUMMARY:** On September 25, 2018, at 1:26pm, a Hercules Police Officer was doing a security check, in the parking lot in the 3600 block of San Pablo Ave, due to the high number of auto burglaries in that area. The officer noticed an occupied White Jeep, with paper plates, just sitting behind some parked cars. The officer continued through the parking lot and was flagged down, by a male, stating someone had just broken into his car. Because many of the suspect vehicles, in the resent auto burglaries, have been driving vehicles with paper plates, the officer decided to take a closer look at the White Jeep. As the officer started to drive towards the Jeep the driver started driving towards the parking lot exit Sycamore Ave and Willow Ave. The Jeep crossed Sycamore and headed East on Willow Ave. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle and the vehicle took off and failed to yield to red lights and siren. The vehicle ran the stop sign at Willow and Hwy 4, and exited to E/B Hwy 4. As the vehicle approached traffic the driver would swerve to the left or right shoulder to get around the traffic. The vehicle reached speeds in excess of 85 miles per hour, in a 65MPH zone. As the vehicle approached the Sycamore off ramp the driver cut over from the number 1 lane (extreme left) and attempted to exit at Sycamore Ave. The driver lost control on the curve and crashed into a field. The driver, and lone occupant, of the vehicle was taken in to custody. The officer observed smoke coming from the vehicle and determined the car was on fire. The car fire caused a small brush fire. Rodeo Hercules Fire Department responded and quickly extinguished the fire. A semi-automatic hand gun, with a bullet in the chamber,

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was found on the dash of the vehicle. There was a loaded magazine wedged between the driver's seat and the center console. The firearm was not registered. A check of the Vehicle Identification Number determined the vehicle was stolen out of Antioch on September 15, 2018. The suspect was transported to a hospital with minor scrapes and contusions. He was treated and released. He was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. At this time it is not known if the auto burglary was connected to this suspect.

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