

NEWS RELEASE



City of Chino Hills Police Department



Date/Time Occurred: Thursday, July 27, 2016

Crime or Incident: PC 69 Obstructing or Resisting an Officer

Location: Los Serranos Country Club Drive and Torrey Pines Drive, Chino Hills

Victim(s): Deputy Chris Bassett

Suspect(s): Taylor Smith (24) Resident of San Bernardino

SUMMARY

On Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at about 12:30 AM, Deputy Bassett contacted Taylor Smith in a commercial business complex located near Los Serranos Country Club Drive and Torrey Pines Drive in the City of Chino Hills. Smith was standing next to a vehicle acting suspicious. Knowing there has been past commercial burglaries in the area, Deputy Bassett consensually contacted Smith but Smith suddenly ran away, out of Bassett's sight. After a short time, Smith returned to the car. Deputy Bassett attempted to detain Smith for investigation but Smith resisted lawful orders and a physical altercation ensued.

As Deputy Bassett was wrestling with Smith, Smith grabbed for Deputy Bassett's firearm and attempted to remove it from the holster. Deputy Bassett was able to prevent Smith from obtaining his weapon but Smith did release all security retention devices on the holster. Smith was able to break free from Bassett's grip and ran to Bassett's patrol vehicle where he sat in the driver's seat and attempted drive away. Deputy Bassett was able to prevent Smith from fleeing in the patrol car and was able to take him into custody after a second altercation. Deputy Bassett received minor scrapes and bruises during the altercations, Smith was not injured.

Smith was booked at the West Valley Detention Center and is being held on \$50,000.00 bail.

Anyone with additional information is urged to call the Chino Hills Police Department or WeTip at 1 (800) 78-CRIME

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