

Car-chase suspect held on auto theft, reckless driving, evading charges

PLACENTIA – A 24-year-old man who police say led them on a car chase from Placentia to Hacienda Heights was arrested on suspicion of auto theft, reckless driving and evading a police officer.

Michael Anthony Zamora was taken into custody just after 8:30 p.m. Wednesday night after an hour-long slow-speed pursuit that began when the driver of a vehicle that police believe was stolen out of the city of Industry failed to pull over during an attempted traffic stop at Chapman Avenue and Placentia Avenue.

Authorities say Zamora led officers through surface streets in Placentia, Brea, Yorba Linda and Anaheim before getting onto the 57 Freeway and the 60 Freeway into Los Angeles County. The driver surrendered to police after running over a spike strip in the 1500 block of Park Lawn Road in Hacienda Heights, police said.

Zamora remains in custody in Orange County Jail, according to Sheriff's Department records. His next court appearance is scheduled for Nov. 15.

No injuries were reported during the chase, although authorities believe Zamora may have struck other cars while working his way through traffic near Imperial Highway and Yorba Linda Boulevard. He ran numerous red lights, police said, but stayed at or under the speed limit.