

# Memorandum

Kensington Police Department

**To:** Press Release

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**From:** Gregory E. Harman, General Manager/ Chief of Police

**Date:** October 7, 2014

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**Subject:** Two Suspects in Custody for Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Possession of Stolen Property, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Possession Burglary Tools, Evading and Resisting Arrest, KPD Case #14-5252

At approximately 11:35 AM, Kensington Police Officer Chris Turner spots a suspicious vehicle leaving the dead end of Lake Street in Kensington. As he turns around to follow the vehicle, the driver takes off at a high rate of speed. Officer Turner locates the vehicle in front of 712 Wellesley, after the driver had lost control of the vehicle and jumped the curb. Both suspects fled the area. The vehicle turned out to be stolen out of Hayward. Recovered inside the vehicle was a gun, stolen property, and burglary tools.

El Cerrito units, El Cerrito K9, and a CHP helicopter assisted KPD units in the search for the suspects. The search was called off at approximately 1:30 PM with the suspects still outstanding.

At approximately 3:45 PM, we received a call from a citizen reporting two suspicious people on Arlington Avenue that matched our suspect's descriptions. Kensington PD units responded to the area and Detective Keith Barrow and Corporal Eric Stegman both were involved in foot pursuits of the male suspect in the area of Arlington Avenue and Westminster Avenue, but the suspect got away.

Police Chief Greg Harman spotted the female suspect running across Arlington Avenue and down Sunset Drive, and took her into custody.

A perimeter was set up in the area of Westminster Avenue and York Avenue, and a house to house search was begun with Kensington PD units, El Cerrito PD units, and an El Cerrito K9. After initially clearing the area, units returned to 100 York Avenue, where after being cleared earlier, the door was now chain locked from the inside. The El Cerrito K9 was brought over and the suspect who was hiding in the attic gave himself up before the K9 unit engaged him.

Both suspects are now in custody and have been identified as:

Suspect #1 Justin Travis Pereira, White male, 33 years old, residing in Hayward, and was a parolee at large.

Suspect #2 Karis Nicole Garcia, White female, 23 years old, residing in Oakland, and found to have an outstanding warrant for weapons violation.

Both suspects were transported and booked into the Martinez Detention Center and charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of stolen property, felon in possession of a firearm, possession of burglary tools, evading and resisting arrest, KPD Case #14-5252.