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SUSPECTED DUI DRIVER ASSAULTS, LEADS POLICE ON PURSUIT

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Burbank, California – A transient from Alabama has been arrested following a late night vehicle pursuit.

On September 11, 2019, at about 10:40 P.M., Burbank Police were investigating a report of a suspicious occupied vehicle in the area of Riverside Drive and Beachwood Drive. Police officers found the car, a 2016 Nissan Altima, and contacted the sole occupant - a man seated in the driver's seat. Officers smelled the odor of alcohol and saw that the man displayed symptoms of being under the influence. Burbank Police Officers also saw open alcohol containers inside the car. The man would not provide officers with identification. When asked to exit the car to conduct a D.U.I. investigation, the man accelerated and sped away, striking one of the police officers with the car door.

Burbank Police began pursuing the vehicle. Once on-scene, the California Highway Patrol took over the pursuit, which led them along the southbound I-5 and eastbound I-10 freeways, before returning to the Burbank area. Just before 11:30 P.M., the vehicle came to a stop on the Olive Avenue off ramp from the northbound I-5 freeway in Burbank. Police Officers initiated a high-risk traffic stop and ordered the driver to exit the car. Once out of the vehicle, the driver did not comply with additional commands given by the police officers. Burbank Police deployed a sponge impact weapon, which struck the man and brought him to the ground. This allowed police to approach and take the man into custody, despite his continued efforts to resist arrest.

At least one police officer suffered minor injuries during this incident.

The suspect has since been identified as Quardarrian Gray, a 25-year-old man from Birmingham, Alabama. Gray was booked on suspicion of assaulting a police officer, driving while under the influence, and felony evading. Gray is being held on \$50,000 bail and is due in court on Friday.

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