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INCIDENT: Robbery Suspects Arrested After Pursuit

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STATEMENT:

Armed iPhone bandits force police into a 38 minute pursuit before abandoning the getaway car in Downey.

At approximately 9:05am police received a call from a Verizon store employee that an armed robbery had just occurred. The store is in the 2900 block of S. Archibald Avenue.

The suspect entered the store armed with a handgun and demanded that the employee and a customer go into the back room. He forced them to fill his duffle bags with more than 40 iPhones that were kept in a safe.

The suspect, later identified as 25-year-old Joshua Brown of Los Angeles, ran out of the store and jumped into the waiting getaway car. Suspect #2, later identified as 22-year-old Changa Hicks of Los Angeles, was waiting in the getaway car. The car was a silver Mitsubishi Montero with paper plates.

Minutes later at approximately 9:15am police spotted the robbers car on Haven Avenue getting onto the 60 freeway traveling west.

They continued on the 60 freeway to Diamond Bar where they exited, but then got back onto the 60 freeway west again. The suspects then merged onto the 605 freeway south to the 105 freeway west. They exited on Lakewood Blvd and got stuck in traffic near the intersection of Lakewood Blvd. and 5th street in Downey.

The suspects got out of the car and ran from police on foot. They then carjacked a woman's vehicle pulling her out of her car. They were arrested by officers before they could get away.

Nobody was injured in the robbery, during the pursuit or during the arrest.

Both Brown and Hicks are being booked for robbery, carjacking and felony evading arrest.