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MEDIA ADVISORY: Parolee And Another Arrested On Numerous Charges After Pursuit

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims today announced the arrest of a Fresno man and woman after a vehicle pursuit through Fresno. Arrested were 44 year old Phillip Spoon and 44 year old Lisa Ann Austin.

On August 10th at approximately 12:20 am, patrol deputies pulled over a burgundy colored Chrysler LeBaron in the area of Belmont & Fwy 99. As deputies approached the vehicle, the driver, later identified as Spoon, put the vehicle in drive and sped away eastbound on Belmont Ave.

During the pursuit, deputies were assisted by the Fresno Police helicopter. As the pursuit wound throughout northwest and northeast Fresno, deputies stopped chasing the vehicle and allowed the helicopter to take over.

While driving in the area of Effie & Calimyrna, officers in the helicopter observed the suspects throw a .22 rifle from the vehicle. It was later recovered by deputies.

The helicopter continued to monitor the vehicle and reported that it had stopped on Abby & Bullard. Spoon exited the vehicle and attempted to flee however he was “tased” by responding police units and taken into custody. Austin was also taken into custody without incident. Both were later transported to the Fresno County Jail.

Spoon was booked on charges of evading a peace officer, felon in possession of a firearm, committing a felony with a firearm, identity theft, resisting arrest, and narcotics violations including possession of a controlled substance. He also had an outstanding parole warrant.

Austin was booked on outstanding narcotics warrants.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Fresno County Sheriff's Department at 488-3111, or CrimeStoppers at 498-STOP(7867).