



**Fresno County Sheriff's Department**  
**Margaret Mims, Sheriff**  
**News Release**

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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Fresno Parolee Arrested After  
Assault In Squaw Valley**

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims today announced the arrest of a Fresno man on numerous felony charges including assault with a deadly weapon, kidnapping, burglary, and stolen vehicle. Arrested was 42 year old Rodney Wayne Wilson.

On August 21<sup>st</sup> at approximately 9:30 pm, Wilson arrived at his ex-girlfriend's residence located in the 39000 block of Clover Lane in Squaw Valley. Wilson contacted the victim, produced a handgun and forced her into his vehicle. He then drove around the Squaw Valley area before returning to the Clover Lane address where he assaulted her.

When Wilson left, the victim contacted the Sheriff's Department to report the incident. During the investigation, deputies spotted Wilson as he drove past the victim's residence and immediately pursued him.

Wilson lost control of his vehicle near the intersection of Clover Lane & Squaw Valley Rd. He then exited the vehicle and ran into the dense brush. Numerous deputies converged on the area, along with "Eagle One" and canines.

During the search for Wilson, Sheriff's dispatch received a call from another residence located in the 38000 block of Squaw Valley Rd. The caller advised that she had just returned home and found a subject in her residence. The subject, who matched the description of Wilson, threatened the caller with a knife and demanded the keys to her vehicle. He then fled in the vehicle and was last seen driving westbound on Squaw Valley Rd.

Sheriff's deputies continued to search the Squaw Valley area but could not locate Wilson or the stolen vehicle. A bulletin regarding Wilson was immediately broadcast to allied law enforcement agencies.

Earlier this morning, investigators from the Fresno Police Department received information that Wilson may be hiding at an apartment located in the 4000 block of N. Peach Ave.

**At approximately 9:15 am, personnel from the Sheriff's and Police departments contacted Wilson at the apartment. During the arrest, Wilson was combative and was shot with a less than lethal beanbag round. He was arrested and transported to Community Regional Medical Center for treatment.**

**In addition to the above listed charges, Wilson is also being held on a state parole hold. The investigation is continuing.**

**Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Detective Vashie Miller at 488-3741, the Fresno County Sheriff's Department at 488-3111, or CrimeStoppers at 498-STOP(7867).**

**\*\*\*No photo at this time\*\*\***