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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bus Carjacking
LOCATION: Monroe Street at Fremont Street, Santa Clara
CASE NUMBER: # 21-061-0068T

DETAILS:

On 03/02/2021 at approximately 0748 hours, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a disturbance onboard a Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) bus coach in the area of Scott Boulevard at Space Park Drive, located in the city of Santa Clara.

A male passenger, later identified as Suspect Jonathan Clemson (47), began acting erratic and became belligerent while on board the bus. The bus driver parked and exited the bus to call 911. While the bus driver was on the phone with 911, Clemson jumped into the driver's seat and attempted to operate the bus. The bus driver immediately got back on board which lead into a physical struggle with Clemson. One passenger was able to escape and exit the bus, but Clemson was able to steal the bus with one additional passenger on board which caused a threat to public safety.

Clemson drove the bus approximately 1-2 miles while running multiple stop signs. Due to a mechanical malfunction related to his inability to operate it properly, the bus came to a stop in the area of Monroe at Fremont Street. Clemson tried to flee on foot, but was detained by Santa Clara Police Officers who responded to assist. One passenger on board received minor injuries and was transported to a local hospital. Sheriff's Deputies arrested and booked Clemson into the Santa Clara County Main Jail without incident for Carjacking, Auto Theft, Kidnapping, False Imprisonment, and Interfering with VTA bus operations.

We would like to thank the Santa Clara Police Department for their assistance. This is an active and ongoing investigation. Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office at 408-808-4500. Alternatively, you can contact the Sheriff's Office Investigative Services anonymous tip line at 408-808-4431.

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