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PRESS RELEASE

On 9/8/2023, at approximately 12:33 P.M., Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to the 22000 block of Balboa Road, located in the City of Cupertino, for a report of an in-progress burglary.

Upon the deputies arrival, the suspect's vehicle (2017 Toyota Tacoma) was located. Deputies attempted to stop the driver, later identified as Raul Cruz (27), who led deputies in a vehicle pursuit.

The pursuit started in the City of Cupertino and continued into the City of Fremont. Cruz collided with another vehicle on Interstate 880 near Mowry Avenue in the northbound direction. He fled the scene with the passenger of his vehicle, later identified as Gustavo Ayala (30). The driver of the other vehicle sustained non-life-threatening injuries but was transported to a local hospital for further evaluation.

Both Cruz and Ayala were later apprehended by Sheriff's Deputies and the Fremont Police Department.

Deputies located stolen property inside of Cruz's vehicle that belonged to the victim of the residential burglary. The stolen property included thousands of dollars in high end purses, watches, and jewelry.

Cruz and Ayala were arrested and transported to the Main Jail on the following charges: Residential Burglary, Resisting a Peace Officer, Conspiracy to Commit a Crime, Evading a Peace Officer, Hit and Run Causing Injury, and Possession of Stolen Property.

We would like to thank the Fremont Police Department and the California Highway Patrol for their assistance. This is still an ongoing investigation, and no further information is available at this time.

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