



Arroyo Grande Police Department

MEDIA RELEASE

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RITE AID STORE ROBBERY SUSPECT ARRESTED

On July 5, 2010, at 6:52 PM, the Arroyo Grande Police Department received a telephone report of a robbery in-progress at the Rite Aid Store, located at 1207 East Grand Avenue. The caller, a store patron, reported that a Hispanic male adult was pointing a serrated steak knife at two female store employees as they walked from cash register to cash register removing money there from placing the contents into the suspect's backpack. The suspect ran from the store prior the officer's arrival.

Officer Day and his K-9 partner "Gregor" arrived at the Rite Aid Store as store employees and the witness were exiting the business in pursuit of the suspect. The K-9 unit quickly caught up with the suspect in the 100 block of Aspen. After a brief foot pursuit and struggle with the canine and his handler the suspect was taken in custody and booked into San Luis Obispo County Jail for 211 PC – Robbery. Officer Day and his canine partner "Gregor" are a new K-9 team and this was their first foot pursuit encounter.

Although the store clerks appeared shaken by the incident they were not injured by the suspect during the robbery.

Arrested was: 32 year old Garth Nogalez, a recent resident of the San Diego area.

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