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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: **August 11, 2010**

Stolen Police Car - Recovered - Suspect Arrested

On Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at about 4:30 pm, a City of Orange Police Officer had parked his black and white Ford Crown Victoria police car at about 500 W. La Veta Avenue just east of the railroad tracks (in the # 1 lane) to investigate traffic issues which stemmed from malfunctioning railroad arms. The ignition was on as were the overhead emergency lights. As the officer was out of his vehicle (a short distance from the vehicle), the suspect, Jon Tolden 35 years old, got into the driver's seat and fled in the police vehicle west on La Veta. The suspect stopped the car on Batavia Street at La Veta Avenue, which is .29 miles (less than ½ mile) from where he had stolen it and fled on foot. Officers quickly arrived in the area and the suspect was apprehended without incident. There were no injuries or damage as a result of this incident.

The motive is unknown. The suspect was not intoxicated.

The suspect was booked into the Orange County Jail for a felony violation of California Vehicle Code section 10851(b)(2) - Theft of a police vehicle. The suspect is on active parole for weapons charges.

Initial reports by someone to the media that the suspect was joyriding throughout the City of Orange with the lights and siren on are completely <u>false</u>.

Suspect Information:

Jon Anthony Tolden Male, Black, 6'3", 250 lbs.

DOB: 4-23-75

Unknown location of residence