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Stolen Vehicle Suspect Apprehension

On November 3, 2026, shortly after 9:00 PM, officers from the Paso Robles Police Department responded to the Paso Robles Event Center (Fairgrounds), located at 2198 Riverside Avenue, regarding a reported vehicle theft involving a white Toyota Echo.

The suspect, identified as 36-year-old Joseph Armas, an unhoused person from Paso Robles, entered an unoccupied vehicle and attempted to steal it. Two bystanders tried to stop him, and Armas drove forward as the two were hanging onto the car. As Armas drove away, one of the bystanders fell to the ground. The bystander suffered a cut to his head and was taken to a local hospital for treatment.

A short time later, deputies from the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office located the stolen vehicle traveling southbound on Highway 101. Deputies and officers from the California Highway Patrol initiated a vehicle pursuit. The pursuit concluded near Pismo Beach, where the suspect was taken into custody.

Armas was booked into County Jail on charges of vehicle theft, carjacking, reckless evasion, and hit-and-run.

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