



# Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

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## News Release

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### **Three Suspects with a Stolen Safe and Pitching Machine Arrested Following Early Morning Pursuit in Orcutt**

**Orcutt** — At approximately 1:07 a.m. this morning, December 20, 2016, a Sheriff's deputy was patrolling a residential area in Orcutt when he observed a vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign at Pino Solo Avenue and Rice Ranch Road. When the deputy attempted to conduct a traffic enforcement stop, the driver fled at a high rate of speed. Sheriff's deputies pursued the vehicle for approximately six miles until the driver lost control and crashed into a cinder block wall at the College Drive and McCoy Street roundabout. Santa Maria Police Department Officers responded to assist and take over the traffic accident investigation. Two of the three occupants suffered minor injuries. All three subjects were taken into custody without incident.

Sheriff's deputies searched the vehicle and located a large safe, a softball pitching machine and U.S mail inside. All of these items are suspected to be stolen.

The driver, 25-year-old Gabriel Tejada of Santa Maria, was booked at the Santa Barbara County Jail on charges of evading a peace officer, attempting to evade a peace officer with reckless driving, criminal conspiracy, residential burglary, receiving stolen property and driving a car without consent. 18-year-old Anthony Arroyo of Lompoc and 22-year-old Ilse Mena of Santa Maria were also booked at the jail on charges of conspiracy, residential burglary and receiving stolen property.

An investigation is underway to determine where the items came from. If you have any information, you are asked to contact the Sheriff's Office at 805-934-6150. If you have an anonymous tip, please call 805-681-4171 or go to our website at [www.sbheriff.org](http://www.sbheriff.org)



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