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PURSUIT ENDS SUCCESSFULLY

Last night (11/15/2007), at approximately 8:33PM, Grants Police Department requested assistance with a pursuit, leaving the town of Grants from Santa Fe Avenue, to Interstate 40. Grants Police Department advised that a male subject had carjacked a 2001 Buick from an Allsup's Convenience Store and was now fleeing from a Grants Police Officer. The vehicle was traveling eastbound out of the city of Grants.

Sergeant Richard Doty authorized Officer Anthony Molina to assist Grants Police Department with the pursuit. Officer Molina was the second unit, providing radio communications to dispatch and aiding deployment of Stop Sticks further ahead to terminate the pursuit.

A Laguna Police Officer Deployed Stop Sticks at Mile Marker 117, Interstate 40, Eastbound Lanes. The subject in the Carjacked Vehicle avoided the tire deflation device and continued east toward Albuquerque. At Mile Marker 137, the suspect made a "U" turn in the median and fled back Westbound, Interstate 40, which forced several vehicles off the road almost causing two accidents.

Two New Mexico State Police Officers (Officer Santiago Grijalva and Officer Mark Fambrough) deployed Stop Sticks at Mile Post 112, Westbound. The vehicle struck these deflation devices, which causes the tires of the vehicle to be deflated at a controlled rate. The suspect in the vehicle was apprehended and identified as Wallace Whitehorse (age 38), from Crownpoint, New Mexico.

This pursuit ended with no damage to property or injuries to either officers or the flee suspect. Only the tires of the vehicle were a total loss.