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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**OFFENSES:** P.C. 69 – Resisting Peace Officer with Force,  
P.C. 600(a) – Willful Harm to a Police Service Dog  
C.V.C. 2800.2(a) – Felony Evading  
C.V.C. 23110(b) – Throwing Objects from Vehicle with Intent to

**CR NUMBER:** 13-1241

**DATE OF CRIME:** March 28, 2013 – 6:11 p.m.

**VICTIM:** State of California

**SUSPECT:** Steven John Brooks BMA - 41 Years Old

**CASE AGENT:** Officer William Spiller

### **SUMMARY:**

On March 28, 2013, at approximately 1811 hours, officers from the Barstow Police Department were dispatched to Lenwood Road near the Southbound Interstate 15 off-ramp regarding a disturbance involving a tow truck driver and a motorist.

After officers arrived on scene, they spoke with the tow truck driver who told them that the subject, later identified as Steven Brooks, was trying to defraud him because Brooks was not providing him with payment or any form of identification. While one officer was speaking with the tow truck driver, another officer was speaking with Brooks. Brooks then turned away from the officer and began walking at a fast pace towards his vehicle. The officer ordered Brooks to stop but Brooks ignored him and then got into his vehicle. The officer went to the passenger side window of the vehicle and tried to get Brooks to comply with his orders and provide him with identification. Brooks did not comply with the officers orders and then turned his vehicle on and accelerated at a high rate of speed onto Southbound Interstate 15. Officers got into their vehicle and attempted to stop Brooks by utilizing the patrol vehicles overhead lights and siren. Brooks continued

to accelerate at a high rate of speed and was traveling in and out of multiple lanes in an attempt to get away from officers. It was noted that when Brooks initially fled in his vehicle, his right front tire was already flat and as he was fleeing from officers sparks and smoke were emitting from his vehicle. At this time a pursuit was initiated and the California Highway Patrol and San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department were contacted to provide assistance. A San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Airship arrived and assisted in the pursuit. Officers from the California Highway Patrol arrived on scene and took over the pursuit. Officers from the Barstow Police Department trailed the pursuit and provided assistance to the California Highway Patrol. During the pursuit, Brooks threw a number of metal objects out of the window of his vehicle. The California Highway Patrol utilized a spike strip successfully and Brooks' vehicle came to a stop on southbound interstate 15 north of Stoddard Wells Road.

Officers gave Brooks orders to exit his vehicle and initially he did not comply. Eventually, Brooks exited his vehicle but was acting irrational and was still refusing to comply with officers orders. Officer William Spiller of the Barstow Police Department deployed police canine "Buck" to apprehend Brooks and as he did this Brooks ran back inside his vehicle. Police canine "Buck" entered the rear window of Brooks' vehicle and began to subdue him. As police canine "Buck" was attempting to subdue Brooks, he began choking canine "Buck" and hitting him with a metal socket wrench. At this point, officers from the California Highway Patrol and Barstow Police Department made contact with Brooks and attempted to place him in handcuffs. Brooks continued to resist the officers and not comply with their orders. A taser was utilized on Brooks and after this, handcuffs were applied to him and he was taken into custody.

Medical personnel arrived on scene and treated Brooks. Brooks was then transported to Barstow Community Hospital where a pre-booking medical exam was performed. After the exam Brooks was transported to West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga and booked on the above charges.

Police canine "Buck" sustained a laceration above his right eye and a laceration to his left leg. He was taken to a veterinarian, where he was treated for his injuries and released.

**This investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is urged to contact the Barstow Police Department at 760-256-2211. Callers who wish to remain anonymous may contact the WE Tip Hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME.**