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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
August 4, 2020

VPD Report Number: 20-065734

Date/Time Occurred: August 4, 2020 at 10:15 am

Type of Incident: Vehicle Theft/Kidnapping

Location: 200 block of S. Mooney Blvd.

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Sexton, Mariha

29

Yes

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Details: On August 4, 2020 at 10:15 am, officers responded to the area of the 200 block of S. Mooney Blvd. regarding a report of a stolen vehicle. Officers learned the suspect, Mariha Sexton (29) got into the victim's vehicle which had been left with the engine running and fled the area. Inside the stolen vehicle was an adult female victim. While officers were checking the area, the victim who had been left in the vehicle called VPD dispatch and to report she was back in the area of the original call.

Detectives assigned to the Violent Crimes Unit responded and determined Sexton drove the victim to the area of Walnut and Akers. Sexton exited the stolen vehicle and left the victim in it. The victim contacted an associate and the associate took the victim and the stolen vehicle back to the 200 block of S. Mooney Blvd.

Sexton was contacted by officers on a separate call for service. Sexton was identified by involved parties as the suspect responsible for the crimes.

Sexton was booked at the Tulare County Adult Pre-Trial Facility for kidnapping and vehicle theft.

There were no injuries to anyone as a result of this incident.



Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol/Violent Crimes

Supervisor: Sgt. Pree

