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Juvenile Arrested After Crash and Pursuit in Visalia

At approximately 8:03 a.m., a Visalia Police Department officer was stopped at a red light on the Highway 198 offramp at Demaree Street and Mineral King Avenue. When the light turned green, a grey Nissan Sentra sped through the red light, traveling at an estimated 100 MPH westbound on Mineral King. The driver of the Nissan ran another red light at the intersection of Mineral King Avenue and Demaree Street, barely missing two other vehicles, before continuing west on Mineral King.

The officer attempted to pursue the Nissan with lights and sirens but was unable to catch up. The Nissan then ran another red light at Mineral King Avenue and Chinowth Street before crashing into a tree in a field at the northwest corner of the intersection.

Two suspects fled on foot from the crash scene. One, a 17-year-old juvenile, was apprehended after a brief foot chase. A perimeter was set up, and a drone from Farmersville PD, along with a TCSO K9 unit, assisted in the search for the second suspect. However, they were unable to locate the second suspect. The Nissan was determined to be an unreported stolen vehicle.

The 17-year-old juvenile, who was uninjured in the crash, will be booked into the Tulare County Juvenile Detention Facility for Possession of a Stolen Vehicle (496d PC) felony hit-and-run (20002 VC) and resisting arrest (148 PC) after being medically cleared.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Visalia Police Department at 559-734-8117.

