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News Release

Wanted Suspect Arrested Behind Elementary School Following Pursuit

Santa Barbara - Just after 4:00 p.m. today, December 19, 2018, Sheriff's deputies observed a vehicle in the area of Fairview Road and Hollister Avenue in Goleta that matched the description of a vehicle involved in a pursuit with deputies the prior night in Summerland. There was concern that the suspect may be armed. When the deputy attempted to pull the vehicle over, the suspect fled and drove recklessly into the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County near Highway 154.

A Santa Barbara County Air Support helicopter and a K-9 team responded to assist in the search and apprehension of the suspect. Santa Barbara Police Department and California Highway Patrol officers responded to assist as well. The Air Support crew was able to provide detailed information regarding the suspect's movement as he attempted to evade authorities. The suspect drove into the Hope Elementary School Parking lot and when he hit a dead end, he jumped out of the vehicle and ran through a field behind the school and through a residential area. Due to the possibility that there was an armed suspect on school property with children present and adjacent to a residential area, an alert was sent out requesting residents to shelter in place. Fortunately, the suspect was quickly apprehended by Sheriff's deputies. During a subsequent search of the suspect's vehicle, a BB gun pistol was located.

The suspect has been identified as being 46-year-old Michael McCann of Montecito. He is booked at the Santa Barbara County Jail on charges of felony pursuit and he is being held on \$75,000 bail.