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Suspect threatens patrons with knife, slams parked car, leads ISPD on a chase

On 10/08/21 at approximately 2052 hours, ISPD responded to the area of the 2100 block of E. Idaho Springs Rd., The Squatch Store on a report of a disturbance. The initial information was that a man was yelling at patrons and was armed with a knife. The patrons went inside the store to call police. Multiple 911 calls were made to the Clear Creek County S.O. The suspect also called 911 while at the scene and demanded the employees put \$20.00 in gas in his car and give him a box of Marlboro's. The suspect then threatened the 911 operator he would slam every vehicle in the parking lot unless his demands were met. The man then got into a white Lexus and rammed into in to a parked, unoccupied vehicle.

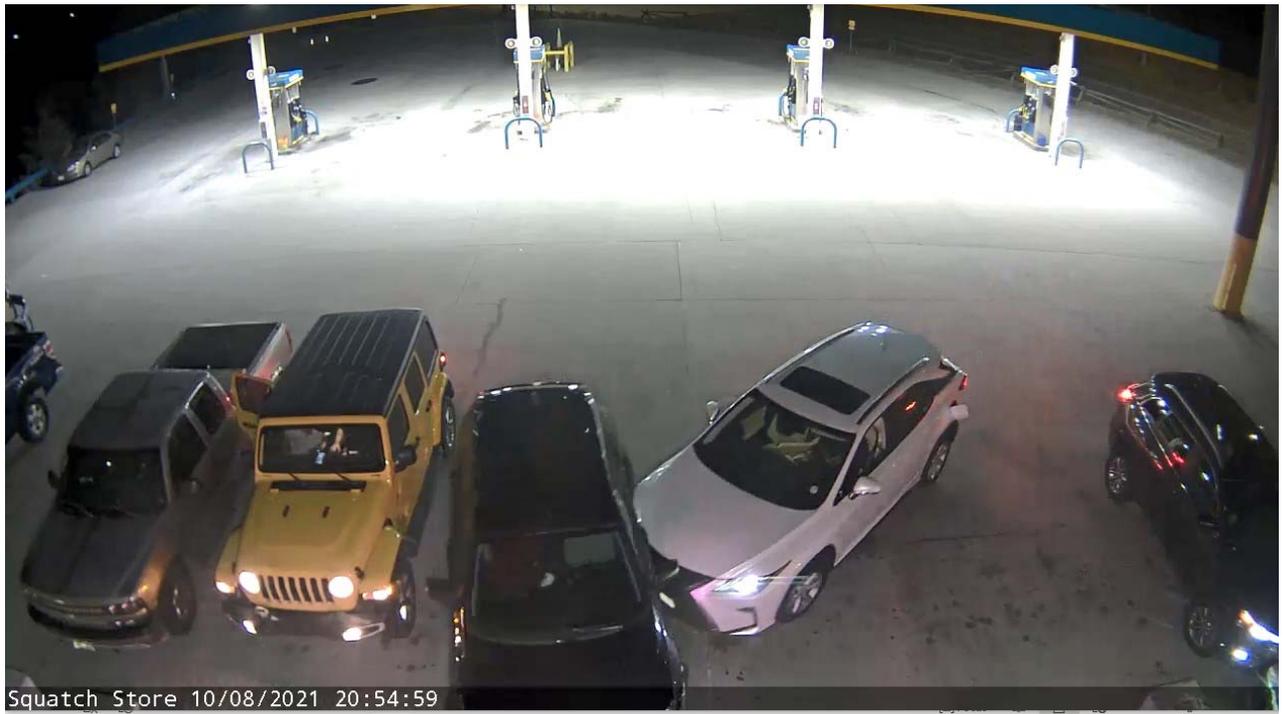
As an ISPD officer arrived in the area just after the suspect rammed the parked vehicle and the suspect then drove west on the Central City Parkway. The officer attempted a traffic stop and the suspect drove away at a high rate of speed. The suspect continued at a high rate of speed toward Central City. Clear Creek County S.O. assisted during the pursuit and attempted a tactical vehicle intervention to end the pursuit, that was unsuccessful. At one point the suspect appeared to intentionally get a deputy to strike his vehicle by slamming on the brakes in front of the deputy, however the deputy was able to maneuver away from the suspect.

Gilpin County deputies responded to the area and were able to successfully deploy stop-sticks near mile post 7 on the Central City Parkway. The suspect then turned onto Nevadaville Rd. and ultimately crashed into a ditch at about the 800 block of Nevadaville Rd.

Initially, the suspect refused to get out of the vehicle and follow the officers' commands. The officers were able to eventually calm the situation and convince the suspect to come out of the car. The suspect was taken into custody. There were no injuries reported for the suspect or any of the victims at The Squatch Store. Security video shows the incident occurring in the parking lot at the Squatch Store.

Further investigation revealed the Lexus was stolen out of the Aurora area during a car jacking incident. The suspect was taken to St. Anthony's due to the car crash and was cleared to be taken to the Clear Creek County Detention Facility for processing. The suspect gave different alias's and his identity is in the process of being verified.

ISPD has charged the suspect with the following offenses: Assault on a Peace Officer, Felony Menacing, Attempted Vehicular Assault, Vehicular Eluding, Resisting Arrest, Reckless Endangerment, Aggravated Motor Vehicular Theft, Criminal Mischief, Obstruction, Reckless Driving and Driving without a License.



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