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“Attempted Carjacking Suspect Apprehended After Brief Chase”

On May 4, 2014, at approximately 2:04 pm, Coalinga Police officers responded to the Coaling Station B Apartment complex on a report of an attempted carjacking. The victim reported that he was approached by a tall black male adult, wearing khaki pants and a gray shirt. The suspect brandished a screwdriver at the victim and demanded the keys to his parked vehicle. Fearing for his safety the victim used a ruse that the police were in the area. The suspect fled on foot.

Police arrived at the scene within moments and observed the suspect running in the 200 block of Lincoln Street, where he fought with police. After a brief struggle and successful Taser deployment, 20 year West Hills College student Ronyllio Samuel was taken into custody.

The victim positively identified Samuel during an in-field show up and the weapon used during the crime was recovered. Samuel was transported to the Coalinga Police Department where he continued to fight with police personnel, kicking the window out of a patrol car.

During the investigation, police learned that Samuel had ingested a combination of “bath salts” and hydrocodine.

Samuel was medically cleared for booking and was transported to the Fresno County Main jail where he was booked into custody. Two police officers sustained non-life threatening injuries during the encounter. Both are expected to make full recoveries.

Samuel faces felony charges of attempted carjacking, battery on a peace officer, resisting arrest, vandalism and possession of a controlled substance.

“All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law”

