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**Vallejo Police Department**  
**Press Release**  
**Lieutenant Jeff Bassett**  
**Bureau of Operations**  
**August 20, 2013**

**Police Tactical Operation and Arrest**

On today's date at approximately 5:00 PM the Vallejo Police Department responded to the 100 block of Bay Court on a report of an auto theft. The female victim directed the responding officers to the garage of a nearby residence and told them that her pick-up truck had been taken from her home during some sort of third party property dispute. Officers were able to establish that the victim is the legal owner of the vehicle.

Officers determined that the responsible party and resident of the home was DOUGLAS HAMMER, 28 yrs. HAMMER was wanted on an unrelated no-bail probation violation warrant out of Solano County. HAMMER had also recently been arrested for an attempted murder involving a firearm. Officers were led to believe that no one was in the residence and that HAMMER had fled out the rear of the residence. Officers surrounded the residence and called into the home via telephone and loud speaker with no response.

A tactical plan was developed and executed involving "flash-bang" distraction devices, a police canine and a dynamic entry and search of the residence. HAMMER was located hidden in the crawlspace under the home with his five year old daughter.

HAMMER was taken into custody without incident or injury. He was later booked into Fairfield County Jail for auto theft, child endangerment and the aforementioned no-bail warrant.

HAMMER'S girlfriend, CECELIA SCHLETH, 20 yrs, who had misled and lied to officers, was also arrested for interfering with and/or delaying the investigation and child endangerment.

The five year old child was uninjured. She was placed with responsible relatives and a report was made to Child Protective Services.

**Media can contact the Vallejo PD at 707-651-7147.**

**Citizens can provide information to the Vallejo PD at 800-488-9383.**

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