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Press Release

Today's Date	August 2, 2011
Date & Time Occured	August 2, 2011 at 5:49 a.m.
Submitted By:	Officer Steve Carey
Phone:	(707) 449-5200
Type of Crime/Incident	Vehicle theft, possession of a loaded firearm in public by a convicted felon, resisting arrest, possession of burglary tools, parole violation
Suspect	Rod Ireland, 39, transient

CHASE ENDS IN ARREST OF TRANSIENT ON VARIETY OF CHARGES

An early-morning car theft attempt was foiled by the victim when he chased the suspect in another vehicle, alerting police along the way of his position.

At about 5:49 a.m. Tuesday morning, a resident in the 700 block of Calico Trail was warming up his vehicle in his driveway. He went inside his house to get something and when he came out he saw the suspect, Rod Ireland, 39, driving away in his vehicle.

The victim got into another vehicle and began following the S-Ireland, then called 911 and began updating police dispatchers of the situation and his location.

An officer spotted the vehicle near Pheasant Run Park off Madison Drive and initiated a stop. S-Ireland fled the vehicle, dropping a loaded firearm in the gutter. S-Ireland then ran through a nearby park, discarding a large knife on the pathway. He then attempted to enter a backyard in the 400 block of Deer Creek Drive.

At that point the officer chasing him deployed an Electric Control Device, momentarily stopping S-Ireland. S-Ireland then went into the backyard of another residence, and a struggle ensued between S-Ireland and the officer, who was attempting to make the arrest.

A resident who was watching the officer chasing the suspect through the park, followed them into the backyard and assisted the officer in taking S-Ireland into custody after a short struggle.

S-Ireland was recently released from state prison and was on active California Department of Corrections parole. He was booked into Solano County Jail for the above listed charges.

The Vacaville Police would like to thank the resident for his help in taking the suspect into custody. The resident is a retired Fairfield firefighter and a former Vacaville Police Reserve Officer.

