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Carjacking Suspected Arrested

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Placerville, CA – Placerville woman carjacked, social media and video leads to speedy arrest

On Monday, June 9th, 2014, at 1443 hours, a woman called 9-1-1 reporting that her vehicle was just taken from Stage Coach Alley in Placerville. When officers responded they learned that the suspect forcibly took the vehicle from the victim. The victim tried to retrieve her car keys as she saw the suspect get into her unlocked vehicle. She leaned in her vehicle from the passenger side when the suspect jumped into the driver's seat and drove off, knocking the victim to the ground with her own vehicle. The suspect fled east bound on Main Street and the victim quickly lost sight of him.

The victim was able to give a description of the suspect to officers and an area search was conducted, however the vehicle was not immediately located. Upon further investigation, Placerville Police retrieved downtown surveillance video of a subject who matched the description of the carjacking suspect. The subject in the video had been looking in cars as he was walking around.

Placerville Police utilized social media and put the picture of the possible suspect out to the public. In addition, the picture was circulated to the local law enforcement community. Through these resources, the suspect was quickly identified as 31 year old Kenneth Kohn, a local transient.

Several hours later, around 1900 hours, El Dorado County Sheriff Deputies were on patrol and contacted Krohn walking on Durock Road in Shingle Springs. Krohn was arrested and later booked at the El Dorado County Jail for PC 215(a), Carjacking. Krohn led Placerville Police Detective Cannon to the location of the abandoned vehicle.

"Thanks to witnesses, video surveillance, social media and law enforcement collaboratively working together, we were able to make a quick arrest of the known transient offender" Detective Cannon said. "We appreciate all the hard work of our law enforcement partners."