

# Placerville Police News Release

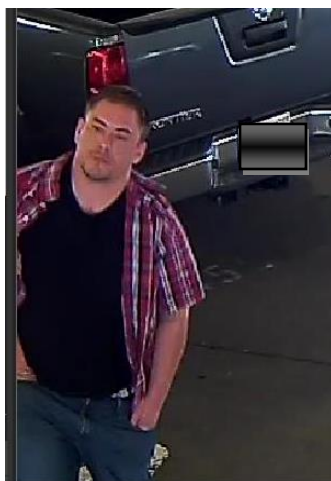


## For Immediate Release

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## CARJACKING IN PLACERVILLE LEADS TO ARREST IN SACRAMENTO

### NEWS RELEASE

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**Placerville, CA** – *Joseph Smith was arrested in Sacramento for carjacking in Placerville.*

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 2:30 pm, Placerville Police Officers responded to the Center Street Parking garage for a possible carjacking that had just occurred. The officers met the victims in front of City Hall where they were standing by after the incident.

A family of 3, one of which was an infant, was waiting on Center Street inside their vehicle while it was running. A female who was seated in the driver's seat was confronted by a male subject as he opened the driver's side door. He told the occupants of the vehicle he needed the car. The female did not want to give him the keys to the car but he forcefully pulled her out of the vehicle. She yelled to the other occupants in the vehicle to get out and she handed him the key. The father, who had been inside City Hall, approached the male subject and confronted him. The subject pushed the

father and then began to reach into his waistband, as if he had a gun. The male victim believed the subject may have a gun so he backed away. The male subject then got into the car and drove away towards Highway 50.

A short time later, the same male subject was driving on Green Valley Road in the vehicle he had just stolen and forced a male driver to stop his car on the road by suddenly stopping in front of him. The male subject approached the driver and told him he was going to steal his car. The driver was able to quickly drive off, avoiding any further confrontation from the subject.

Placerville Police were able to identify the subject as Joseph Smith (DOB 5-15-86) through the surveillance cameras inside the parking garage. The police department advised all law enforcement agencies in the area of the incident and victim's vehicle was reported as stolen.

At 9:38 pm, the Placerville Police Department was contacted by Sacramento Police Department advising that they had located the stolen vehicle and arrested the driver, Joseph Smith. Sacramento Police Department booked Smith into the Sacramento County jail for Carjacking, Penal Code section 215. Smith's bail is set at \$1,000,000.00.