

Suspect in chase that caused STHS lockdown escapes



A rider abandoned his motorcycle April 5 in the Sierra Vista Apartment parking lot. Photo/Kathryn Reed

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South Tahoe High School was on lockdown this morning after a high-speed chase ended near the campus.

Carson City sheriff's deputies started the pursuit April 5 after being called to Carson Tahoe Hospital for a disturbance. The man who was there claimed to have been drugged by his roommate. He left the facility and got on a motorcycle.

About 9am Tuesday he was in Meyers, at which time the California Highway Patrol got involved.

While officers know the registered owner of the Harley Davidson that has Nevada plates, it is not confirmed this is the same person who was riding the bike so no name is being released.

The white male who is believed to be in his 50s dropped his bike in the parking lot Sierra Vista Apartments and presumably ran into one of the units. However, once officers went inside the suspect was not there and no one knows where he is. A helicopter had been circling the area in case the suspect fled, but was called off once officers believed he was holed up. The CHP does not consider him to be dangerous.

The suspect was weaving and riding with his helmet partially off, CHP Officer Angela Dean told *Lake Tahoe News*. She said he then ran the light at the Y.

The high school is just up the hill and that is why it was on lockdown.