

SOLANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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On July 27, 2015 at approximately 11:50 PM, Sheriff's Sergeant John Arabia observed a vehicle parked outside the yard of Floors To Go in the 3000 block of Rockville Road, Fairfield. The business was closed at the time and the vehicle was not known in the area. Sergeant Arabia performed a security check of the business and discovered a window mounted air conditioner unit had been pushed in and it appeared as if the office had been ransacked.

Responding patrol deputies established a perimeter around the business with the assistance of officers from the Fairfield Police Department. Deputies spotted the suspect, James Couzens, inside the fenced yard of the business. Couzens fled on foot towards a nearby creek. A Sheriff's K-9 and CHP Air Support were called to assist. Deputies pursued Couzens on foot. Couzens ran directly towards Fairfield Police officers and was taken into custody.

Couzens was in possession of 5.1 grams of methamphetamine and 3 Xanax pills at the time of arrest.

Couzens was booked on the following charges: possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance for sale, burglary, and resisting a peace officer. Couzens posted bail in the amount of \$25,000 and was released.

Any citizen who suspects criminal activity in their neighborhood should contact their local law enforcement agency or the Solano County Sheriff's Office at (707) 421-7090. Callers may also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (707) 644-STOP (7867).

If you have any questions regarding this press release, I can be contacted at the phone numbers listed below. Any photos that are available for release will be posted on the Solano County Sheriff's Office Facebook page.

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