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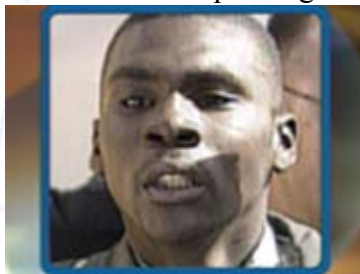10News Team
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# Teenager Takes County Bus, Leads Police on Chase

A 16-year-old boy wearing an ROTC uniform stole a public transit bus in San Diego Monday morning and led police on a one-hour chase on downtown streets and two freeways before surrendering.

There were no passengers on the bus when Marquis Jones, a freshman at Morse High School, climbed aboard and drove it away from a shopping center in Lemon Grove. Police started following him as he weaved the bus in and out of traffic, but stopping at lights and stop signs. The bus bumped a car at an intersection, causing a two-car collision, but no one was seriously injured.

The bus was finally stopped by officers who drew their guns and ordered the boy to surrender. He got out and laid face down on the pavement. Once handcuffed, he began crying, "I'm sorry, I'm sorry," but then he screamed an obscenity at the 10News crew as he was led to a police cruiser.

Police believe the boy has a history of mental problems. He was arrested by juvenile authorities on suspicion of vehicle theft, hit and run and failure to stop.

The boy was a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, or ROTC, a program that introduces young people to careers in the military. ■ MORE TOP STORIES