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Yesterday evening at approximately 5:00pm a North Vancouver RCMP officer noticed a vehicle parked on westside of Kennard Avenue near East 4th Street. The car, a black Nissan Maxima had previously been broadcast to all members as a stolen vehicle only a half hour prior to this sighting. As well, the officer recognized the licence plate as being that of the stolen vehicle that had been broadcast. There were two occupants in the vehicle (the engine was running also) at the time, a male driver, and a female passenger. The officer activated his emergency lights on the police car and approached the driver of the parked vehicle with his service pistol drawn. The officer positioned himself to the side of the vehicle and slightly in front of it to allow a full view of the passenger's actions inside the vehicle. The officer instructed the driver to turn off the engine and to get out of the car. The male driver did not follow the instructions given to him and instead put the transmission into drive and veered out from it's parking space and drove directly towards the officer. Fearing death or grievous bodily harm, the officer fired one shot at the vehicle as it sped towards him. The shot hit the vehicle in it's upper wheel-well area and the officer was able to jump out of the way and avoid any serious injury. There were also no injuries sustained by the suspects in the altercation. The stolen vehicle sped away from the scene eastbound. All available police units were advised of the incident and flooded the area. The stolen Maxima was dumped by the two suspects nearby and were observed by a witness to get into a taxi.

This taxi was quickly located and stopped with the two suspects inside in the lower Mountain Highway area, near Seylynn Hall. They were arrested and taken into custody without any further incident. The female was interviewed by police and later released after being given a future court date. The male driver was held in custody overnight and appeared in North Vancouver court this morning. Martin Charles Iler, a Vancouver resident, is charged with Possession of Stolen Property Over \$5000, Assault On A Police Officer, as well as Resisting and Obstructing A Police Officer. Iler is well known to police and has an extensive criminal record. Drugs are suspected to have played a role in the incident.

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