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## Robbery suspect arrested after apparently shooting self in leg: [MORNING Edition]

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First, police say, he stole two gangster videos \_ "GoodFellas" and "Scarface" - and then stole sound equipment and a 12-pack of beer. Along the way he allegedly stopped at a pizza parlor for an order of cash to go.

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The spree began at noon with the robbery of the Blockbuster Video on Carson Street in Hawaiian Gardens. Along with the two videos, \$100 was stolen.

At 5:10 p.m., a Music Plus on Newport Avenue in Tustin was robbed of \$200 and sound equipment. A Pizza Hut on Beach Boulevard was robbed of \$100 at 8 p.m., followed by the stickup of Beach Liquor, about two miles south, where beer and about \$400 in cash were stolen.

At 9:25 p.m., Newport Beach police attempted to stop the Toyota on Newport Boulevard, but the driver took off, driving on the wrong side of the road and crashing into a 1989 Pontiac on West Coast Highway. The driver kept going and crashed again one-fourth mile south.

An officer arrested Wasz as he tried to limp from the crash site, a bullet wound in his right thigh. Wasz, of North Hollywood, was booked into the Newport Beach jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

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