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"Auto theft Suspects Arrested, Stolen car and Property Recovered"

On July 12, 2014, at 3:34 am, members of the Coalinga Police Department responded to the 100 block of West Elm Avenue on a report of a stolen vehicle. Officers interviewed the victim and learned that he had parked his black Pontiac Grand Am in the parking lot next to a local business. When the victim returned to pick up his vehicle, he discovered that it was gone.

During the investigation, a truck driver who witnessed the auto theft was located and interviewed. The witness reported seeing two males with distinctive body styles and clothing, approach the stolen car in a lowered silver Honda. The two suspects were seen carrying multiple stolen items from the Grand Am, which were placed in their awaiting car. The witness reported seeing one of the suspect's drive off in the stolen car.

The Grand Am was located unattended in a parking lot in the area of the original theft. The vehicle was processed and a list of stolen property was obtained from the victim.

A short time later Officers located the silver Honda used in the crime in the 100 block of Willow Springs Avenue. The vehicle was occupied by 24 year old Richard Ibarra and 20 year old Jose Ramirez Junior. Both are from Coalinga.

The witness responded to the scene, where he positively identified Ibarra, Ramirez and their Honda as taking part in the theft of personal property and who had stolen the Grand Am.

Ibarra and Ramirez were arrested without incident. The victim's stolen property was recovered from inside of the suspect's Silver Honda.

Ibarra and Ramirez were booked into the Fresno County Main Jail on various charges, including conspiracy, theft, possession of stolen property and auto theft.

"All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law"



