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"Suspects Arrested in Unreported Auto Theft"

On July 12, 2014, at 9:30 pm, members of the Coalinga Police Department responded to the area of Gregory Way at Hannah Avenue after several anonymous reports of an erratic driver were called into police.

Officers arrived at the scene and learned that the involved vehicle was a Chevrolet truck that had gotten stuck in a dirt field in the area of Phelps Avenue at Elm Avenue, after leaving the roadway. A check of the vehicle's registration revealed that it was registered to a home in Coalinga. It was not reported stolen.

As the investigation continued, an anonymous caller reported seeing a male and female who had been in the truck, about ¼ of a mile away in a local trailer park.

Officers contacted 26 year old Abraham Bernez and 19 year old Miranda Torres, both of Coalinga in the Amandako Trailer Park. Both admitted to having been inside of the truck moments earlier.

Unsuccessful attempts were made to contact the truck's owner to determine if the truck had been stolen.

Bernez and Torres were found to have active arrest warrants in Fresno County for trespassing and for an open alcohol container. Both were initially taken into custody for the active warrants and the suspected auto theft investigation continued.

Hours later, the owner of the Chevrolet truck called police to report that the vehicle had been stolen from their home in the 700 block of East Valley Street in Coalinga.

Bernez and Torres were booked into the Fresno County Main Jail for their active arrest warrants and for fresh charges of conspiracy and auto theft related offenses.

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



