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PRESS RELEASE

Car Thieves Arrested

DATE: December 19, 2012

LOCATION: 600 block of Carlsbad Court, Milpitas

CASE #: 12-354-091

VICTIM #1: 76 year-old male, resident of Milpitas, CA

VICTIM #2: 27 year-old female, resident of San Jose, CA

SUSPECT #1: Dennis Armando Chavez, 20 years-old male, resident of San Jose, CA

SUSPECT #2: 14 year-old male, resident of San Jose, CA

VICTIM VEHICLE #1: 1993 burgundy Honda Accord

VICTIM VEHICLE #2: 1990 green Honda Accord

DETAILS:

On Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at approximately 10:56 A.M., a Milpitas police officer was patrolling a residential neighborhood in the southeast portion of the city due to prior residential burglary incidents when he noticed two Honda Accords turn onto Carlsbad Court and park in a driveway of a home. The drivers exited the Hondas and fled the area on foot. The officer conducted a computer check on the license plates on the two Hondas and learned the green 1990 Honda Accord was stolen from a parking lot in San Jose, CA. It was later determined the burgundy 1993 Honda Accord was an unreported stolen vehicle from Milpitas.

Within minutes, numerous Milpitas police officers saturated the area and searched for the suspects. At approximately 11:23 A.M. a detective observed two males, one of which matched the suspect description, running westbound on Olympic Drive in Milpitas which is less than a mile away from where the stolen vehicles were left. The two males were detained and the investigation revealed they were the same two who had fled on foot in an effort to flee from the officer who had seen them driving on Carlsbad Court.

Dennis Armando Chavez was booked into the Santa Clara County Jail for auto theft, possession of stolen property, possession of marijuana, and being an unlicensed driver. The 14 year-old suspect was booked into the Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall for Auto theft, possession of stolen property, and for being an unlicensed driver.

The Milpitas Police Department is seeking witnesses or information regarding these auto thefts. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Milpitas Police Department at (408) 586-2400. Information can also be given anonymously by calling (408) 586-2500 or via the Milpitas Police Department website at: http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/government/police/crime_tip.asp



SUSPECT #1: Dennis Armando Chavez

PRESS RELEASE BY: Sergeant Raj Maharaj #216
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