



Porterville Police Department Press Release

Incident: Commercial Burglary
Possession of Stolen Property
Conspiracy

Date/Time: December 16, 2011 /11:09 P.M.

Location(s): 2400 Block W. Westfield Avenue, Porterville

Suspect(s): Augustin Sandoval, 18 years, Tipton resident
Arturo Ledezma, 18 years, Pixley resident
Male Juvenile, 17 years, Tipton resident

Summary:

On December 16, 2011, at approximately 11:09 P.M. a Porterville Police Officer patrolling the area of Westfield Avenue and Westwood Street observed a suspicious vehicle driving through neighborhoods. The officer conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle in the 2400 block of W. Westfield Avenue and contacted the occupants who were identified as 18-year-old Agustin Sandoval, 18-year-old Arturo Ledezma, and a 17-year-old male juvenile. One of the occupants confessed to driving in the area to burglarize vehicles. The vehicle was searched and officers located two car stereos that were stolen from two separate vehicles within the last hour.

Due to the recent rash of vehicle burglaries, detectives were summoned to the scene and assumed the investigation. Based on interviews of all three suspects, physical evidence located during the traffic stop, and subsequent searches of their residences, detectives were able to link the suspects to at least nine vehicle burglaries that occurred within the City of Porterville over the last week.

Detectives arrested all three suspects for nine counts of vehicle burglary, possession of stolen property and conspiracy. The adult suspects were booked into the Tulare County Jail and the juvenile was booked into the Juvenile Detention Facility. Detectives are continuing to follow up on his case and anybody with any information regarding these thefts is urged to contact Officer Morales or Detective McGowen at 559-782-7400.