

Theft from Vehicles with Arrest

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Incident: Theft from Vehicles with Arrest

Contact: Watch Commander, 805-339-4416

Location: 300 Block Princeton St.

Date/Time Occurred: February 15, 2014, 7:20 a.m.

Officer(s) Involved: Patrol

Suspect(s): Withheld 16 yrs, White male, (Ojai resident)

Report #: 14-01970

Narrative:

On February 15, 2014, at 7:20 a.m., the Ventura Police Command Center received a call from a citizen who was witnessing a subject testing door handles to vehicles in the area of Lafayette St. and Princeton St.

Officers responded to the area within minutes locating a suspect matching the description tampering with a vehicle parked in the 300 block of Princeton St. Officers detained the suspect and contacted the owner of the vehicle determining the suspect had no rights to the vehicle.

The juvenile suspect was found to be in possession of stolen property taken from an additional victim's vehicle parked several blocks away. Officers also located additional property that did not belong to that victim or the original victim. Officers canvassed the area and found numerous vehicles that had been ransacked with vehicle doors left open. Evidence at that scene indicated that the suspect had just committed multiple thefts from vehicles in the surrounding neighborhoods as well.

The suspect was placed under arrest and was booked into the Ventura County Juvenile Hall for possession of stolen property, probation violation and two misdemeanor warrants.

This incident was successful due to not only good police work, but also a responsible neighbor who was vigilant in reporting suspicious activity in their neighborhood.