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Chowchilla Police make stolen vehicle arrests

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On October 12, 2016 officers of the Chowchilla Police Department received a report of a vehicle being stolen from a residence in the City of Chowchilla. The owner of the vehicle reported it was parked at her residence where it was left unattended for a very short time to warm up. Officers began checking areas around the city and the stolen vehicle was discovered in an alley way in the 200 blk of Riverside Avenue. Upon checking the vehicle, it was found to be occupied by a 32 year old female from Fresno, Sara Ramirez. She was arrested and the investigation into this theft began.

As the investigation continued, officers also arrested a 24 year old male from Madera, Grant Atkinson. He was also found here within the city limits shortly after the first arrest was made and found to have played a major role in this crime. Ultimately, the vehicle was recovered and turned back over to its rightful owner.

Sara Ramirez was booked to the Madera County Jail for possession of stolen property and theft of a vehicle. Grant Atkinson was also arrested and booked into the Madera County Jail for conspiracy to commit a crime, theft of a vehicle and possession of stolen property. All of these charges were felonies.

This was a great example of the effort the Chowchilla Police Officers put in when conducting investigations. It should also serve as a reminder to people who leave their vehicles running and left unattended on cold mornings. Criminals often look for early morning vehicles left unattended and running. The Chowchilla Police Department is asking that people to remember that they should never leave their vehicles running while unlocked and unattended.



GRANT ATKINSON



SARA RAMIREZ

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