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OPD OFFICERS ARREST BURGLARY SUSPECTS

Oakland (CA) - On August 27, 2009, at about 1:31 p.m., Officers Burns and Cardona conducted a traffic stop in the 7900 block of Hillmont Drive. The driver was found to be driving without a valid driver's license and one of his passengers was on probation for possession of stolen property.

During a search of the vehicle, several items of suspected stolen property were located and the officers requested assistance at the scene. Officer Smoak and Acting Sergeant Doolittle canvassed the area and Smoak found a resident that positively identified one of the detainees (the driver) as one of a pair of prowlers in the area just prior to Burns and Cardona's car stop. The resident also provided information that the suspects may have been working with other persons, possibly a team. Officer Doolittle had the suspect vehicle, still with a locked trunk that was unable to be opened, towed to A&B secure storage. We contacted the on-duty CID Burglary Investigators who assisted in identifying the suspects and conducted interviews.

At about 4:00 p.m., multiple burglary calls started to come in. Cardona started making calls to the complainants and identified the owner of some of the property that they had recovered at 2033 73rd Avenue. This victim came to CID and subsequently identified and reclaimed her property. Investigators linked the suspects to a burglary on 23rd Avenue that had occurred prior to Burns and Cardona's stop.

The driver was ultimately discovered to be an adult with prior juvenile burglary arrests and convictions. The case is now in the hands of the burglary investigators, with potential future search warrants and arrests to be conducted.

Acting Chief Howard Jordan said, "I would like to commend Officers Burns, Cardona and the other Problem Solving Officers for a job well done. They made a car stop, took the time to locate and to solve a couple of recent burglaries, one that was miles away. As the citizens are well aware, burglaries are a plague in our city and hopefully this investigation will help resolve several open cases. This is the type of work I expect from my officers."

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