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INFORMATION RELEASE

Subject: Vehicle Theft

Date: 10-05-10

From: Sgt Hatch

Case or Incident: 101005-007

Summary:

On 10-05-10 at about 1230 hours, a resident from the 3000 block of Douglas Hwy called JPD to report she just witnessed her 2004 Ford van being stolen from in front of her residence. The owner followed the van in another vehicle while talking with dispatch on her cell phone providing location updates.

Officers saw the van Egan outbound heading toward the valley. It turned onto Channel Drive. As officers initiated a traffic stop, the driver continued to travel on Channel Drive and attempted to elude officers by driving up a grass embankment separating Channel Drive from Egan Drive. The van went over the embankment and nose first into a steep ditch where it was disabled.

The driver and two other occupants fled on foot. The driver was taken into custody after a short foot pursuit. One passenger fled across Egan Drive on foot and the other down Channel Drive on foot. The two passengers were located a short time later, one on Salmon Creek Lane and the other near Egan Drive at Channel Drive. Both were taken into custody.

The driver of the van was identified as a 16 year old male. He was lodged at the Johnson Youth Center and charged with Vehicle Theft 1st (Class C Felony), Criminal Mischief III (C Felony) and Failure to Stop for an Officer 1st degree (C Felony).

The passenger that was taken into custody on Salmon Creek Lane, a 14 year old female, was lodged at the Johnson Youth Center and charged with Criminal Mischief V (Class B Misdemeanor).

The male taken into custody on Channel Drive was identified as 19 year old Alixzander THOMSEN. He was lodged at the Lemon Creek Correctional Center for Criminal Mischief V (B Misdemeanor) and Criminal Trespass II (B Misdemeanor).

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