



Arroyo Grande Police Department

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THEFT FROM VEHICLES ARREST

On February 25, 2010, at about 4:20 AM, Arroyo Grande Police Department officers responded to the area of the 200 block of Oro Drive on a report from a citizen who observed what he believed to be suspicious activity near vehicles parked on the street. When one officer arrived, he observed a male suspect subsequently identified as Mykel Curtis Blair, an 18-year-old resident of Grover Beach, shining a flashlight into the interior of vehicles as he walked down the street. Blair then entered the unlocked passenger door of a van. When the officer attempted to contact Blair, he fled from the officer and a brief foot pursuit ensued before Blair was taken into custody without further incident.

Upon searching Blair, officers discovered items that the owner of the van said had been taken from his van. The officers located a modified baton that is defined as an illegal dangerous weapon and tools commonly used in the commission of burglaries. In addition, the officers recovered two cellular telephones. During their investigation the officers contacted at least one citizen in the area who told them that he watched Blair enter several vehicles parked on the street before the police arrived.

Blair was transported and booked at the San Luis Obispo County Jail for possession of a dangerous weapon, receiving stolen property, possession of burglary tools and resisting arrest.

Later that morning the Arroyo Grande Police Department responded to a report from a citizen regarding a theft from his unlocked vehicle in the 600 block of Crown Hill. The theft had occurred during the overnight hours. Among the items taken in the theft were a radar detector, a GPS device, a scanner and a cellular telephone. Follow-up investigation by officers matched one of the cellular telephones in the possession of Blair at the time of his arrest to the cellular telephone stolen from the unlocked vehicle on Crown Hill. As the officers continued their follow-up investigation into the evening hours on February 25, 2010, they linked Blair to more of the property stolen from the unlocked vehicle on Crown Hill.

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