



Arroyo Grande Police Department

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CONCEALED CELLPHONE INCIDENT AT CHILI'S RESTAURANT

On July 3, 2010, at about 10:45 PM, the Arroyo Grande Police Department responded to the Chili's Restaurant at 900 Rancho Parkway on an initial report of found property. The responding officer was contacted by the restaurant manager and a 41-year-old female restaurant patron from Porterville, California outside the restaurant. The patron told the officer that as she was using the female restroom inside the restaurant, she noticed a cellular telephone in a waste basket inside the restroom stall with the lens on the cellular telephone pointed in the direction of the toilet. The patron then contacted the restaurant manager.

When the restaurant manager checked the restroom stall referred to by the restaurant patron, he discovered a cellular telephone inside a bucket filled with paper and cleaning supplies with the lens pointed in the direction of the toilet, as the patron had described. The restaurant manager told the investigating officer that an employee had been in the female restroom immediately prior to the patron entering the restroom.

The investigating officer recovered the cellular telephone from the restaurant manager. A computer was later recovered from the residence of the restaurant employee, a 32-year-old resident of Grover Beach, when he voluntarily provided it to the Arroyo Grande Police Department. Both the cellular telephone and the computer are being held by the Department for analysis of any retained images.

The case has been submitted to the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's office for review of any appropriate arrest charges. As of the date of this media release, no arrest has been made; however, the investigation is continuing.

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