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Two men were arrested early Christmas morning for breaking into Kmart and stealing jewelry.

On Tuesday morning just before 5 a.m., police were called by an alarm company after silent alarms were triggered at the Kmart at 250 Floresta Boulevard, according to Lt. Rick DeCosta of the San Leandro police.

When the cops arrived, they saw a car parked along the side of the store with its lights on and when they approached the car, the driver accelerated out of the parking lot, DeCosta said.

The officers followed the car as it drove into a residential area, and eventually drove down a

dead-end street. When they reached the end, a passenger got out of the car and tried to run away on foot.

He was caught by police a few moments later and the driver remained in the car and was detained immediately, according to DeCosta.

The cops searched the suspects' car and found thousands of dollars worth of jewelry. Later, they went back to the Kmart and found a door had been forced open and a jewelry case inside the store had been pried open.

Both the suspects, a 36-year-old Alameda man and a 40-year-old Oakland man, were arrested for commercial burglary and evading officers. Both are being held at the Santa Rita jail in Dublin and are scheduled to be arraigned at the Hayward Hall of Justice on Thursday afternoon.