

Car Thieves Lead Chase into Oakland

Two men were arrested for auto theft following a short car chase and a canvass of a residential area in Oakland after a patrolling officer spotted them in a stolen car last week.

On Christmas Eve around 3:30 p.m., an officer was patrolling the 300 block of East 14th Street and saw a suspicious vehicle, according to Lt. Rick DeCosta of the San Leandro police.

He called in the license plate number and the car came back as being reported stolen.

The cop tried to pull the car over, but the driver accelerated and drove north into Oakland to try to get away.

The driver then collided with several parked cars on the 1900 block of 105th Avenue.

The driver and a passenger then both got out of the car and ran in different directions, DeCosta said.

Other San Leandro officers as well as Alameda County Sheriff's deputies and Oakland cops arrived and a perimeter was set up. A K-9 police dog helped search the scene.

While the search was on, the San Leandro police received an anonymous tip that one of the suspects was hiding in a trailer on 104th Avenue. Oakland police went to the trailer and found the man, later identified as the passenger.

The driver was then found by the police dog hiding in someone's back yard between 105th and

106th avenues.

Both suspects – identified as Oakland residents in their early 20s – were arrested for auto theft and resisting arrest.

Two Arrested in Break-in

Two men were arrested for burglary after police responded to an alarm at a hotel supply company at 14266 Doolittle Drive on Dec. 30 around 5:20 a.m.

When the cops arrived, they found two men inside a van with smashed windows which belonged to the business, according to Lt. Jeff Tudor of the San Leandro police.

The men appeared to be taking video equipment from the van. Police arrested the men – a 34 year-old from Alameda and a 37-year-old from Union City – at the scene for burglary.

Victim Improving

The man who was shot and seriously injured on Christmas Eve is improving, though still hospitalized.

The victim, a man in his 60s, was shot once in the chest in his car on West Broadmoor

Boulevard last week.

Police say there have been no suspects identified yet. Anyone with information about the crime is asked to call the investigating detective at 577-3237 or the anonymous tip line a 577-3278.