



Vacaville Police Department

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Press Release

Today's Date: 05/21/08
Date & Time Occurred: 05/21/08 4:14 am
Submitted By: Matt Lydon, Sergeant
Phone: 707-449-5236
Case Number: 08-4466
Type of Crime/Incident: 487 PC – Grand Theft
496 PC – Possession of Stolen Property
466 PC – Possession of Burglary Tools
182 PC – Conspiracy
Location: 21 Commerce Place
Suspects: Charles Altizer 29 years old; Brentwood Resident
Michael Washington 29 years old; Antioch Resident
Vanetta Mason 31 years old (female); Oakland Resident

Narrative:

Officers responded to 21 Commerce Place for a possible theft in progress. A witness observed a male underneath a co-worker's vehicle and another male standing nearby. When the witness interrupted the males they fled to an awaiting white Ford Explorer.

Minutes later Officer Danny Martinez was Eastbound I-80 at Leisure Town Road when he observed a white Ford Explorer Northbound on Leisure Town overpass and continuing onto Westbound I-80.

Officer Bob Horel observed a matching vehicle Westbound I-80 at Alamo Drive. An investigative stop was initiated and the three suspects were detained. The driver, Vanetta Mason was unlicensed and Charles Altizer had an active arrest warrant from Alameda County.

A search of the Explorer revealed a cut Catalytic Converter and various tools including a power tool used to cut metal. The vehicle the suspect was observed underneath also had a partially cut Catalytic Converter. A check of other parked vehicles on Commerce and Union Way revealed the additional vehicle (Toyota truck) missing the Catalytic Converter. The Catalytic Converter located in the Ford Explorer matched the Catalytic Converter stolen from a Toyota truck on Union Way.

All three suspects were arrested for the above listed charges. Additionally Charles Altizer was also arrested for the Alameda County Arrest Warrant and Vanetta Mason was arrested for driving unlicensed. All three suspects were booked into Solano County Jail.

Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is asked to call the Detective Todd Dye at 707-449-5212.

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