



# *Chowchilla Police Department*

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Arrest of two local men

Chowchilla Police have arrested two local men as a result of an ongoing investigation of information received regarding an inappropriate relationship between a local school coach and a student.

With the cooperation of local school officials, the Chowchilla Police Department has gathered sufficient evidence leading to the arrest of Ed Tovar, age 37, and Earl Spomer, age 39, both residents of Chowchilla. Both men were booked for multiple felony and misdemeanor charges related to inappropriate sexual conduct with minors.

“Due to the nature of this crime, we will be keeping the information from this case confidential” stated Jay Varney, Chief of Police. “We believe that those who brought this information forward acted from concern for the victim and should be commended for that.”

“We do not believe that officials at the high school had any indication that these arrestees were involved in any behavior of this nature prior to the events of this week and continue to receive their full support in any way needed to complete this investigation” stated Chief Varney.

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