



Chowchilla Police Department

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The New Year started off with the apprehension of a burglar thanks to good neighbors and their willingness to get involved.

On 01-03-10, at approximately 10:30 a.m., Sergeant Palmer, Officers Darren Wright and Heath Middleton of the Chowchilla Police Department were dispatched to a residence on Washington Drive for a possible residential burglary in progress. Neighbors reported seeing a Hispanic male wearing a grey sweatshirt entering the back yard and believed he was possibly in the residence.

Officers responded to the residence and observed two males in the intersection of Washington Dr. and Truman Dr. in a physical altercation. Upon seeing the officers the male with the grey sweatshirt identified as Roel Soliz Jr., a 25-year-old resident of Chowchilla, immediately began running from the scene. After a short foot pursuit he was apprehended on Adams Dr.

Mr. Soliz was found to be in possession of several stolen items as well as burglary tools. Prior to his apprehension he was also seen pulling a blue recycle garbage can. Upon checking it, officer's found it to contain several televisions and jewelry which Soliz had removed from the residence. All of the stolen items were returned to the homeowner.

The second male subject who was in the altercation with Soliz in the roadway was found to be a citizen who was just trying to stop Soliz from burglarizing his neighbor's residence. He sustained several abrasions during the altercation but did not need medical attention.

Soliz, who is on active State Parole and County Probation, was later booked at the Madera County Department of Corrections charging him with residential burglary, possession of stolen property, resisting arrest, battery on a police officer, battery and possession of burglary tools. A parole hold and probation hold were also placed.

Sgt. Palmer stated this apprehension is similar to those of the past week. They were all a result of good police work and most importantly, great citizens doing their part to keep their neighbors and their property safe. "I can not emphasize enough, the importance of watching our neighbor's property as well as our own. Thank you for your assistance in these apprehensions."

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