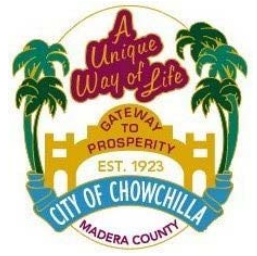




# *Chowchilla Police Department*

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## Press Release

On 12-29-09 at approximately 1111 hrs, Officers Phil Cheatham and Heath Middleton of the Chowchilla Police Department were dispatched to a residence on Washington Drive for a possible residential burglary in progress. The occupant of the residence reported two males were possibly in the back yard and believed they were trying to enter the residence.

Officers responded to the residence and contacted the home owner. After checking the yard, it appeared the subjects had run from the residence and into several nearby yards. Other responding officers began checking the area when they were flagged down by citizens who reported seeing two males running through their yards as well as their neighbor's yards and into a nearby residence driveway area.

Officers began checking a residence on Adams Drive where the two males were last seen running to. While checking the area, the two males were found hiding under a vehicle in the driveway. One was immediately taken into custody and the second was apprehended after a short foot pursuit. One of the males had several pieces of women's jewelry in his possession which were identified by the home owner as theirs and returned.

Both 17-year-old juveniles who reside in the County of Madera were arrested, charged with residential burglary, and booked at the Madera County Juvenile Hall.

Sgt. Palmer stated this apprehension was not only a result of the officers' diligence in the investigation but also due to the help and watchful eyes of citizens in the neighborhood.

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