



# *Chowchilla Police Department*

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## Press Release

An observant citizen gave the Chowchilla Police Department the necessary lead they needed to make an arrest in the recent rash of burglaries in the city.

On August 23, 2011, officers responded to a suspicious persons call in the 200 block of Colusa Avenue. According to the call, a citizen reported seeing a male run out of the back yard. The officers responded and noticed the residence had been broken into. One of the officers saw a person leaving the area that matched the description of the male who ran from the yard. Further investigation resulted in the arrest of Chowchilla resident, 32-year-old Joshua White.

On August 24, 2011, Detective Scott conducted a vehicle stop for a minor vehicle code violation. The driver of the vehicle, Chowchilla resident, 28-year-old Jeremy Dow was arrested. Stolen property and a stolen firearm from the recent burglaries were located in the vehicle he was driving.

On August 27, 2011, officers went to a residence in the 100 block of S. Sixth Street to conduct a parole search. Officers located 30-year-old parolee, Ronnie Jackson originally from Dos Palos, hiding under a bed. Stolen property, illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia were recovered at the residence as well. A juvenile suspect was also arrested on August 27<sup>th</sup> who was involved in this recent rash of burglaries and thefts. The juvenile was taken to the Madera County Juvenile Hall.

All four were arrested and booked on various charges including burglary, possessing stolen property, felon in possession of a firearm, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Both White and Jackson were also booked for parole violations.

Sgt. Riviere would like to commend the citizen that took the time to call when they observed something unusual occurring in their neighborhood. Sgt. Riviere also commended the officers of the department for their hard work and dedication to the community. "This investigation was a team effort" he said. "We couldn't have done it had we not all worked together, officers and the community included."

Police Chief Jay Varney noted that "Most of the recent car burglaries and thefts were crimes of opportunity. Help us help you by locking your vehicles and do not leave valuable items unattended and in plain view in your vehicle."

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