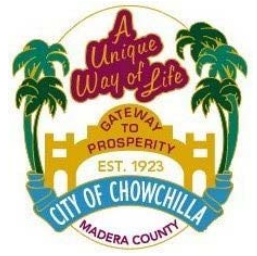




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Subject: Arrest of Burglary Suspects

On May 25, 2008, a citizen made a report with the Chowchilla Police Department regarding property stolen from his home in the 500 block of Peach Drive. The citizen stated his lawnmower, weed eater and a power tool was taken out of his garage. A suspect in the theft had been identified by the victim. Officer Ken Alberton and Sgt. David Noblett began following up on leads in the case and were able to identify a second victim of theft by the same suspect. Officers began looking for the suspect in the case who was identified as Girolamo "Jerry" Napoli, (29), of Chowchilla. Ofc. Alberton and Sgt. Noblett located Napoli in the 500 block of Parkridge Drive where he was taken into custody on charges of grand theft and possession of stolen property. Napoli led officers to a residence in the 1400 block of Sonoma Avenue where several of the stolen items were recovered and returned to the rightful owners. Napoli was booked into the Madera County Department of Corrections on charges of grand theft and possession of stolen property.

On May 26, 2008, a burglary was reported at the concession stand in the Pit area of the Race Track at the Chowchilla Fairgrounds. The suspects broke into the concession stand and took over \$3,200 in property. Ofc. Ken Alberton responded to the scene to investigate the theft. Ofc. Phil Cheatham arrived to assist Ofc. Alberton in the investigation in trying to identify the suspects in the case. Within two hours, the persons responsible for the thefts had been identified. Ofc. Alberton and Ofc. Cheatham went to a residence in the 400 block of S. Second Street and contacted three juveniles who were in possession of the stolen property from the race track. All of the property was recovered and turned over to the owner. The three juveniles were arrested and booked into the Madera County Juvenile Hall on charges of burglary and possession of stolen property. All three juveniles were currently on probation out of Madera County at the time of the arrest. "I want to commend the officers involved in these cases" stated Sgt. Noblett of the Chowchilla Police Department. "Persistence and good investigative skills led to the arrest of four people in these cases and the recovery of over \$4,000 in stolen property."

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