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Two suspects taken into custody during stolen vehicle recovery

On 4-15-2009 at about 3:15 pm, Officers of the Eureka Police Department responded to the 3200 block of Union Street to a reported stolen vehicle seen in the area. Upon arrival officers began checking the area for the vehicle.

After about 23 minutes of searching the vehicle was seen traveling westbound on Buhne Street at Summer Street. The vehicle turned southbound into an alley way and accelerated to speeds of about 50 mph. Due to the time of day and the fact that the vehicle was traveling towards the baseball field at 2030 Park, the police unit did not pursue, for fear of the risk to the public. The unit lost sight of the stolen vehicle.

About 10 minutes later, the vehicle was once again seen turning southbound from Highland Street onto Union Street. The vehicle once again accelerated to reckless speeds, running several stop signs, and once again the decision was made not to pursue, due to the risk of the stolen vehicle causing a vehicle crash or hitting a pedestrian.

About 5 minutes later, the Eureka Police Department Dispatch center received a call from residents at the 100 block of Randolph Street, reporting that a suspicious vehicle had parked at this location and two occupants had fled from the vehicle. Officers responded and located the stolen vehicle parked at this location. A search of the area was begun and a male suspect was found hiding in the greenbelt area at this location. He was identified by the residents as the driver of the stolen vehicle.

A female suspect was located a couple of blocks away and she was also identified by a resident as the passenger in the stolen vehicle.

A search of the vehicle was conducted and hypodermic syringes, stolen property, and a large amount of ammunition was located.

The male suspect, identified as David Scott Fournier (44 years old of Eureka), was booked into the Humboldt County Jail on charges of possession of stolen property, resisting arrest, possession of a controlled substance, possession of hypodermic syringes, felon in possession of ammunition, and parole violation. He also had an active parole violation warrant for his arrest.

The female suspect, identified as Lysa Marlene Stachel (40 years old of Eureka), was booked into the Humboldt County Jail on a charge of possession of stolen property.

The Eureka Police Department would like to thank the public for there assistance in this incident. Without their help the suspects most likely would not have been located.