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### **Burglary cases cleared from arrest of suspects.**

Between January 2011 and December 2011, the Pleasanton Police Department has been investigating multiple automobile burglaries in and around shopping centers throughout the City of Pleasanton. During this investigation a consistent pattern was determined based on the type of vehicles being entered, the method or mode of entry and the type of property taken. Plain clothes officers were ultimately deployed in an effort to apprehend the suspects involved in these cases while detectives followed up on various leads.

On 12/19/2011 two suspects, Oakland resident Rafael Gamaz, 22, and Hayward resident Jose Ramos, 22, were arrested after witnesses observed them burglarizing a vehicle in the Stoneridge Mall parking lot. Multiple officers responded to the scene to search for the suspects and located them within minutes of the initial call. They were driving a teal 1987 Buick LeSabre. As officers attempted to detain the suspects, they failed to stop and lead officers on a vehicle pursuit which ended when the suspects were involved in a solo vehicle collision on westbound I-580. Both Gamaz and Ramos were safety arrested after stolen property from the vehicle burglary at the mall was recovered from inside the

At this time, Gamaz, the driver of the Buick, has been charged by the Alameda County DA's office with 2800.3 CVC (Evading a Peace Officer causing injury), 459 PC (Burglary) and 496 PC (Possession of stolen property). Ramos has been charged with 459 PC (Burglary) and 496 PC (Possession of stolen property).

Detectives have determined Gamaz and Ramos were also in possession of stolen property from a second automobile burglary in the vicinity of the mall and are seeking charges on this case

. Further investigation, which included the execution of a search warrant and additional interviews, has cleared approximately 33 of the automobile burglaries reported in Pleasanton since January 2011.

If there are any additional questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the Pleasanton Police Department at (925) 931-5100