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Man Arrested for Vehicle Burglary

On Thursday January 24, 2013 at approximately 3:24 a.m., Coalinga Police Officers responded to the 300 block of Adams Street for a report of a vehicle burglary after a resident heard a car alarm going off in the area. Upon arrival, Officers learned that the victim's vehicle convertible roof had been cut and access was made into the vehicle and property taken.

During the incident, Officers canvassed the immediate area and located 25 year old Coalinga Resident Stephan Scott Lucero, who is known for property crimes. Lucero was found to be in possession of stolen property taken from the victim's vehicle. At that time Officers took Lucero into custody without incident on charges of burglary, possession of stolen property, vandalism and possession of burglary tools.

At the time of his arrest, Lucero was also found to be in possession of other property that was believed to be stolen. Officers were unable to relate the recovered property to a victim at that time.

At approximately 7:57 a.m., Coalinga Police responded to the 400 block of Jefferson Street to investigate a burglary with similar circumstances. The victim reported that the convertible top of her vehicle had also been cut and property had been taken. The victim identified the property recovered from Lucero as being stolen from her vehicle.

Lucero was also booked for additional charges of burglary, vandalism and possession of stolen property.

The Coalinga Police Department encourages all residents to report suspicious activity in their neighborhood.

The subject identified above is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

