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BEER RUN SUSPECTS APPREHENDED BY POLICE

On Wednesday January 23, 2013, at approximately 12:38 p.m., Coalinga Police Officers were dispatched to the local Fastrup Gas Station on a report of two juveniles who stole beer and fled from the business. The store clerk had been monitoring the stores high tech surveillance system, when he saw the two juveniles act in concert to steal two 24 ounce cans of beer. The beer was concealed in one of the juvenile's backpacks.

The store clerk followed the two juveniles as they exited the store and fled northbound on Third Street, while calling in the burglary to the Coalinga Police Department's dispatch center.

Upon arrival of Officers, the 16 year old suspects were stopped on North Third Street at West Durian Avenue. At the time, the suspects had discarded the backpack containing the stolen property. A canvass of the immediate area led to the recovery of the discarded backpack and stolen property in a large bush. The clerk positively identified the suspects at the scene and the stolen property was returned.

The juveniles were taken into custody without incident for commercial burglary, conspiracy and for minor in possession of alcohol. A later review of the surveillance video confirmed that both suspects acted in concert to steal the property. Due to the age of the suspects, their identity will remain confidential.

Fastrip Gas Station has an extensive surveillance system that is constantly recording and monitored by store staff. Per the owner of Fastrup Gas Station, those found to have committed a crime against the business will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

The above subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

