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THIEF CAUGHT IN THE ACT AT WEST HILLS COLLEGE

On April 5, 2013, at about 2:57 p.m. Officer Brian Eschan and Corporal Luis Rosales from the Coalinga Police Department responded to a report of a subject looking into vehicles at the West Hills College Coalinga campus.

Upon their arrival in the area, Corporal Rosales saw a subject known to him from previous theft cases getting out the back door of a vehicle. The subject, 19-year-old Cristian Ayala, of Coalinga, refused to comply with orders to stop, was taken to the ground, and was then taken into custody by Corporal Rosales and Officer Eschan.

Several items in the victim's name were located on Ayala's person. Corporal Rosales also recognized Ayala's vehicle parked at the other end of the row and saw property inside it including a laptop computer.

The owner of the vehicle that Ayala was getting out of was contacted at the school. He confirmed that Ayala did not have permission to be in his vehicle and positively identified the items found in Ayala's possession.

In Ayala's car officers located over \$1300 worth of property that had been stolen from the victim's vehicle, including the laptop computer, two cellular telephones, expensive sporting equipment and other items, which the victim positively identified.

Ayala was booked at the Coalinga Police Department for PC 487(a) – Grand Theft.

The Coalinga Police Department wishes to remind citizens to lock their vehicles and not leave anything of value in the vehicle when it is unattended.



All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.