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## "Auto Theft Suspect Apprehended"

On August 8, 2013, at approximately 9:00 am, two concerned members of the public found a 15 year old male juvenile walking in the oil fields outside of Coalinga, near Shell Road. When contacted, the juvenile told the two members that his mother had abandoned him along the roadway. The members of the public offered the juvenile a ride to the Coalinga Police Department to alert police.

While en-route with the juvenile, the concerned citizen's contacted the Coalinga Police Department Dispatch center with details of their contact with the minor, including his description.

During the prior night, the Coalinga Police Department had been alerted of an auto theft which was being investigated by the Fresno County Sheriff's Office. The suspect in the auto theft case matched the description of the juvenile contacted by the two citizens. In that case, the victim (s) identified the suspect by name and as a relative.

Upon their arrival at the Coalinga Police Department, the juvenile was turned over to police pending further investigation. The juvenile told Coalinga Police Officers that his mother had abandoned him and provided a fake name and date of birth.

With emerging technology, members of the Coalinga Police Department were able to identify the juvenile as the auto theft suspect using fingerprint identification. The juvenile was also found to have been reported as a run away juvenile and he had an active no bail warrant out of Fresno County for criminal threats.

The juvenile was transported to the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Campus where he was booked into custody on a charge of providing false identification to a peace officer as well as for the active arrest warrant. Fresno County Sheriff's Office Detective's were alerted of the juvenile's arrest and follow up by that agency is pending.

The suspect's identity and photograph are being withheld in this case due to his age.

"All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law"

