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"Attempted Burglary Suspect Apprehended"

On July 12, 2014, at 7:40 pm, members of the Coalinga Police Department responded to the 100 block of Madison Street on a report of a male attempting to gain entry into a home.

Upon arrival, Officers contacted various witnesses who reported seeing a male walking around a property in the 100 block of Madison Avenue, checking for open doors and windows. The witnesses reported seeing the male jump a fence into the backyard of the home where they lost sight of him.

Officers checked the residence and yard for the suspect but did not locate him. A description of the suspect was broadcast to other officers, who began canvassing the area.

A male matching the description of the suspect was contacted on East Polk Street at Louisiana Avenue. The male was identified as 20 year old Lemar Bell. Bell is from the Sacramento area.

A search of Bell led to the discovery of brass knuckles, a felony under California law. Bell was taken into custody without incident for the weapon violation and was transported to the 100 block of Madison Street where he was positively identified by witnesses as the person attempting to enter the home.

Bell was eventually booked into the Coalinga City jail on charges of possession of brass knuckles. Attempted burglary charges may be forthcoming.

"All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law"

