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“Sleeping Homeowner Wrestles Burglary Suspect to the Ground and Detains him for Police”

On Wednesday, June 1, 2016, at approximately 00:16 am, Coalinga Police Officers responded to an in progress residential burglary in the 200 block of Fisher Lane.

Upon arrival, family members directed police personnel into the home’s master bedroom where the suspect was found being detained by the homeowner. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

The investigation revealed that the homeowner and his family were asleep in the home at the time of the burglary. The homeowner was awakened by noise and found the 16 year old suspect standing over his bed. The homeowner took action, jumping out of bed and tackling the suspect to the ground while his wife called police. The homeowner held the suspect on the ground until police arrived. At the time of this incident, the suspect was wearing a wig and bandana around his face to conceal his identity from the victim.

The suspect in this case lives in a neighboring home from the victim. The suspect is also on active probation in Fresno County stemming from a prior residential burglary he committed to another neighboring home in January of 2016. The suspect was booked into the Fresno County Juvenile Justice Campus on a felony charge of burglary and for a violation of his probation.

The Coalinga Police Department would like to commend the homeowner for his quick action and refusal to be victimized. In this case, the arrest likely prevented the suspect from committing other burglaries and may result in the closure of other active cases which are currently being investigated by the Coalinga Police Department. Additional information will be forthcoming as it becomes available.

The suspects name will remain confidential due to his age.