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Deputies Arrest Juvenile Caught Ransacking Cars

December 14, 2014 -- Today, Sheriff's deputies arrested a juvenile for rummaging through and stealing items from unlocked cars. Six victims have been identified and their belongings have been returned.

On Sunday, December 14, 2014, at about 5:00 a.m., deputies were called to the community of Aloha regarding a man who was chasing a juvenile suspect he had caught rummaging through his car. The man's wife reported that her husband was pursuing the suspect from their house in the 7000 block of SW 181st Place.

Numerous deputies responded to the scene and were assisted by a K9 unit from the Hillsboro Police Department. A dog was used to track the suspect, and eventually a deputy found him sleeping under a tree in nearby Granada Park (18100 SW Bany Rd.) Seventeen-year-old Zachariah T. Cordova, transient, had a back pack with him full of belongings from numerous car break-ins over night.

Deputies were able to find four victims by searching the neighborhood for cars that appeared to have been ransacked; two additional victims called in later in the morning. None of the cars Mr. Cordova ransacked had their doors locked.

Some of the recovered items were a GPS unit, a wireless speaker, sunglasses, digital cameras, and phone charging cables along with small amounts of cash.

Mr. Cordova was arrested and turned over to the Washington County Juvenile Department.

Deputies returned as many items as they could to the victims they identified today.

If someone went through your car overnight and you have not reported it, please call the Washington County Sheriff's Office at 503-629-0111.