

Traffic Stop Nets Stolen Property, Felon

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - On Saturday 11/24/2012 at approximately 11:20 pm, a deputy stopped a 2011 Ford Expedition for a traffic violation on SR 12 near Sargent Blvd. of Aberdeen. The vehicle was driven by a 49 year old male and had a 25 year old female passenger. Both occupants were from Minnesota. The driver told the deputy he was a retired Marine Corps Colonel however allegedly lost his license several weeks ago. He did not have any other identification or paperwork to the vehicle. Chief Criminal Deputy Steve Shumate with the Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Department tells us the vehicle had a Minnesota license plate however did not return to the Ford Expedition. Deputies were able to determine through the Vehicle Identification Number that the vehicle was stolen out of Alabama. Additional deputies arrived on scene and the driver was taken into custody for possessing the stolen vehicle. Deputies also learned that the driver had a felony warrant from Douglas County, MN for Theft by Swindle. The warrant alleged that the driver had deceived numerous victims from that area out of several thousands of dollars. In two cases, the suspect claimed to be an attorney and received monies from the victims to represent them. In another case, the suspect claimed to work as an executive for Chevron and took monies from the victim that was suppose to go for travel expenses. It was determined that the suspect was merely a con-artist. He was not a retired Marine Corps Colonel as he originally claimed. The female passenger was found to be listed as a missing person from the State of Minnesota. The female however was willingly with the driver as she was also arrested for being in possession of the stolen vehicle. Both individuals were transported to the Grays Harbor County Jail and booked for Possession of Stolen Property 1st.