

## **Car Prowlers Are Following Their Victims Home**

### **Local News**

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - Police over the weekend arrested a 25 year old homeless couple that were passing checks stolen from various vehicle prowl incidents in Grays Harbor County.

Chief Criminal Deputy Steve Shumate with the Sheriff's Department reminds drivers not to leave important personal belongings in their vehicles. "It appears to be a trend that suspects are taking these types of crimes further and learning where the victim's live (either by the vehicle registration or ID in the purse) and going to the residence to commit additional crimes.

Shumate said a week after a purse was stolen from a vehicle parked at the Wishkah Church last month, thieves used the victim's information to find and steal the vehicle from the victim's home in Aberdeen.

On 12-23-2012 a vehicle prowl had occurred in the North Cove area of Pacific County. Personal Checks had also been taken during that crime and the suspects fraudulently passed numerous checks throughout Pacific and Grays Harbor County at various businesses to included the Westport Y deli and Toad's Express Mart in Elma.

On Saturday deputies obtained information that the two suspects were staying at a motel in Ocean Shores. With the assistance of the Ocean Shores Police, deputies located the male and female suspect. The two suspects that were arrested were both 25 years of age and transient within Grays Harbor County. Both suspects were transported to the Grays Harbor County Jail and booked on numerous charges to include Theft and Fraud. At the time of their arrest, the suspects were found in possession of illegal narcotics and also booked for that.