Stolen vehicle recovered after thieves switch plates in front of Aberdeen officer

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - An Aberdeen officer watched from his unmarked car as two men attempted to mask their stolen car by stealing the license plates from a similar car in the Gateway Plaza parking lot Tuesday afternoon.

Police Captain John Green tells us one of their Sergeants was parked in an unmarked police SUV in the Staples parking lot around 2 P.M. Tuesday. While the officer was speaking on a cell phone he noticed a male subject standing by two very similar Honda Accords.

The Sergeant reported that the subject was scanning the parking, looking around, as he looked at the license plates of one of the Honda Accords. Another male wearing a red hoodie sweatshirt removed a license plate from one of the Hondas, and the two males began to drive away from the location in one of the Honda Accords.

The Aberdeen Police Sergeant stopped the vehicle, and discovered that the vehicle theywere in was reported stolen from Tumwater on 9/23/13.

The two suspects, a 34 year old Tacoma man and a 31 Shelton Man, were arrested for possession of stolen property and booked into the City of Aberdeen Jail.

A search warrant is being applied for by Aberdeen Detectives this morning for the recovered stolen vehicle.

The investigation is continuing.