



SPARKS POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

STEVE ASHER
Chief of Police

Incident: Vehicle Burglary

Case: 09-8853

Incident Date and Time: August 5, 2009

Location: 1200 Scheels Dr

Victim: Multiple

Suspects: Rogelio GARCIA 18 year old Sparks resident/ Edson BARAJAS 18 year old Sparks resident

Over the past several weeks, the Sparks Police Department has noticed an increase in Vehicle Burglaries at the Scheels/Legends shopping center. Crime trends are examined weekly during COMSTAT meetings. Crime Suppression Unit detectives were assigned to specifically investigate the burglaries that have occurred over the last several weeks.

Today, Crime Suppression Unit Detectives conducted surveillance in the parking lots surrounding the Legends complex. Detectives watched the suspects listed above check numerous vehicles in the parking lot. The suspects were then seen smashing a window and removing an Ipod from a victim vehicle.

The suspects were stopped in the parking lot and arrested without incident. The suspects subsequently confessed to committing multiple burglaries over the last several weeks.

This burglary trend usually occurs during the day when there is heavy traffic and busy parking lots.

The Sparks Police Department would like to remind citizens to secure their valuables out of view from anyone walking by their parked car.

Crime Suppression Unit Detectives continue to work on this investigation. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Sparks Police Department Detective Division at 353-2225 or Secret Witness at 322-4900.

Releasing Authority
Sergeant Aaron Leary