

CHP: Pursuit suspects still at large

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LAKEPORT – Authorities have not apprehended two suspects who led the California Highway Patrol on a high-speed pursuit along Highway 29 and through downtown Lakeport on Tuesday night.

The two suspects – believed to be women – ditched a stolen Dodge Ram pickup filled with stolen items in the area of Martin Street after the chase, as Lake County News reported Wednesday.

CHP Officer Adam Garcia said CHP Officer Mark Crutcher spotted the pickup speeding at about 9:30 p.m. while it was traveling northbound on Highway 29 near Argonaut Road, between Kelseyville and Lakeport.

When Crutcher attempted an enforcement stop on the pickup, the vehicle took off, said Garcia.

The pursuit continued northbound on Highway 29 until Park Way, where the pickup turned off and headed down to Lakeshore, continuing back into town, said Garcia.

CHP was joined by sheriff's deputies and Lakeport Police, who continued the pursuit down Main Street. The vehicle was finally abandoned on Martin near Hartley, said Garcia, with the two suspects escaping on foot.

Inside the vehicle investigators found a large amount of stolen credit cards and driver's licenses, said Garcia.

While there are no arrests in the case yet, Garcia said the investigation has yielded some good leads.

The pickup, said Garcia, was stolen out of Vallejo.

The vehicle also sported metallic First Choice Abbey Carpet signs on its sides. The owner of the Danville store told Lake County News that the signs had been stolen from him about a week ago. The business' phone number had been cut off the bottom of the signs.

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