



Fresno County Sheriff's Department
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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Subject Arrested in Stolen Vehicle
after lengthy pursuit.**

The Fresno County Sheriff's Department announces the arrest of 22 year old Wesley Bishop Sawyers of Kingsburg on Stolen vehicle charges.

On 2-16-07, at approximately 2300 hrs, the Fresno Police Department helicopter advised they were following a stolen vehicle in the Kingsburg area, and requested assistance from Fresno County Sheriff's Deputies. A short time later, deputies attempted to stop the vehicle and a pursuit ensued. The pursuit entered Kings County during which time, the driver of the stolen vehicle attempted to ram one of the patrol vehicles. The pursuit continued into Tulare County and eventually ended at the Visalia Airport when the vehicle apparently ran out of gas. The driver exited the vehicle and attempted to flee on foot but was apprehended by Fresno Sheriff's deputies. He was later identified as Sawyers.

Sawyers was arrested on stolen vehicle charges, assault on a peace officer and outstanding warrants. He was later booked at the Fresno County Jail.