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MEDIA ADVISORY: Off-Duty Deputy Interrupts Burglary in Progress. Suspects Arrested.

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims announces the arrests of 25 year old Thi Yang and 25 year old Pa Ya Xiong, both of Fresno, after they were spotted by an off-duty sheriff's deputy attempting to break into a vehicle.

On 3-16-07 at approximately 9:45AM, Deputy Erich Garringer observed Yang and Xiong attempting to break into a parked vehicle on DeWitt just north of Butler. As Deputy Garringer attempted to contact the suspects, they fled in a white colored Toyota Corolla. Deputy Garringer contacted Sheriff's dispatch by cell phone and followed the suspects in his personal vehicle through a variety of neighborhoods until they turned into a cul-de-sac on Burgan north of Mono. As the suspect vehicle stopped, both Yang and Xiong exited the vehicle and switched seats. Deputy Garringer used his personal vehicle to block the suspect vehicle in the cul-de-sac. Yang, who was now driving rammed Deputy Garringer's personal vehicle and then drove around it fleeing into the neighborhood. Two Sheriff's patrol units arrived and, after a short pursuit, pulled the suspect vehicle over on Burl & Inyo.

Both Yang and Xiong were taken into custody without further incident. They were later booked into the Fresno County Jail on Attempted Burglary and Assault With Deadly Weapon charges. Yang also had an outstanding no bail felony warrant for his arrest.

Deputy Garringer's personal vehicle sustained no significant damage. The investigation is continuing. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective David Barile at 292-1104 or the Fresno County Sheriff's Department at 488-3111.