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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Two Arrested In Stolen Vehicle**

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims today announced the arrest of fifty year old Ricardo Holguin of Caruthers, and fifty year old Juan Mendoza of Fresno on stolen vehicle and possession of stolen property charges.

On 4-19-07 at approximately 4:15 pm, the Sheriff's Department received a report of a 1988 Isuzu pick up truck that had been stolen from the area of Kamm & Brawley in southwestern Fresno County.

Approximately 40 minutes later, the stolen vehicle was observed driving southbound on Freeway 41 near Central, occupied by two subjects. The vehicle sighting was by a friend of the victim who immediately contacted the Sheriff's Department, and followed the vehicle until it came to a stop in the area of Brawley & Lincoln.

Upon the stop, the victim's friend attempted to contact Holguin who had been driving the vehicle. After exiting the stolen vehicle, Holguin immediately started running along a canal bank and then into an orchard. Mendoza exited the passenger side and sat down on the curb.

As patrol deputies arrived, Sheriff's Department helicopter, 'Eagle One' was already on scene monitoring the situation from the air. Deputies immediately detained Mendoza and a perimeter was set up around the orchard.

With the assistance of officers from the California Highway Patrol, and Sheriff's Canine "Nero", deputies located Holguin hiding in a tree. He was taken into custody without further incident. Both suspects were transported to the Fresno County Jail where they were booked.

The vehicle was found to be undamaged, and was returned to the owner.