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MEDIA ADVISORY: Parolee Arrested, Another On The Loose After Vehicle Theft And Pursuit

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims today announced the arrest of one subject, and is seeking the public's assistance in locating a second, in connection with a vehicle theft and pursuit that occurred yesterday.

Arrested on charges of possession of stolen property, resisting arrest, and violation of parole was 27 year old Paul Martinez of Kingsburg. Deputies are searching for 27 year old Alfredo "Freddy" Munoz also of Kingsburg.

The incident started yesterday morning at approximately 10:15 am. Deputies spotted a silver colored 2002 Chevy pick up truck driving erratically in the area of Mountain View & Fwy 99. When deputies attempted to pull the vehicle over, it failed to stop and a pursuit ensued.

Deputies pursued the vehicle northbound on Fwy 99 to Selma. The driver of the vehicle, later identified as Munoz, attempted to lose the deputies in a residential neighborhood near Mill & Thompson. The vehicle eventually stopped near Mill & Snyder where both suspects exited and ran. Deputies were able to overtake and arrest Martinez.

Assisted by the Sheriff's helicopter "Eagle One", Selma PD and CHP officers, deputies set up a perimeter and started a search for Munoz. He was never located.

During the investigation, it was learned that the pick up had been stolen out of Kingsburg a short time earlier.

Martinez was later transported to the Fresno County Jail where he was booked on the charges.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Munoz is asked to contact the Fresno County Sheriff's Department at 488-3111, or CrimeStoppers at 498-STOP(7867).