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14-Year-Old Boy Arrested for Stealing Hyundai, Another Stolen Hyundai Found Abandoned in Downtown Visalia

Around 3:20 this morning, a VPD officer was patrolling the downtown area when he saw a Hyundai driving southbound on Sante Fe Street, turning the wrong way onto Main Street. The car sped up as the officer attempted to pull him over. The driver stopped at Church and Main Street and took off running, leaving the car behind. Officers caught up to him and arrested the 14-year-old suspect. The car he was driving was an unreported stolen vehicle.

The boy was arrested for stealing a vehicle, in possession of burglary tools, and resisting arrest. This is the fourth time the teenager has been arrested for stealing a vehicle.

The stolen Hyundai was returned to the registered owner.

At 3:23 a.m., while officers were on their way to assist, they found another Hyundai left in the area of Center Avenue and Santa Fe Street. The Hyundai appeared to have run off the road and hit a light pole, signs, and a concrete planter in front of the Sante Fe Station. The Hyundai was totaled and was also an unreported stolen vehicle.

This is an active investigation. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Visalia Police Department at 559-734-8117. Reference case number 23-042290.

