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Teens Arrested for Vehicle Theft and Ramming Detective's Car

Around 3:00 p.m. today, the Tulare Regional Auto Theft Taskforce (TRATT) spotted a stolen red Toyota Camry from Visalia. Detectives followed the vehicle to Crenshaw Street and Victor Court, where one of the passengers exited and entered another stolen vehicle, a black Ford Edge, which had not been reported as stolen.

As detectives attempted to stop both vehicles, a 16-year-old juvenile exited the red Toyota and fled on foot. The driver of the black Ford Edge, also a 16-year-old, attempted to run over a detective and collided with his vehicle. The black Ford Edge became disabled from the collision, and the driver was taken into custody without incident. The juvenile who fled on foot was found hiding in a nearby backyard.

Fortunately, the detective involved did not sustain any injuries.

Both juveniles have been charged with multiple counts of theft, with the driver of the black Ford Edge facing additional charges for assaulting a police officer.

