



Chelan County Sheriff's Office

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Since the beginning of September, the Chelan County Sheriff's Office has investigated seven (7) Burglaries and eleven (11) vehicle prowls in the Chelan area. Having only a few leads on a suspect(s) responsible, Deputies responded to a report of a vehicle prowling on September 15th at about midnight that just occurred on East Wapato Avenue. It was reported the suspect dropped numerous items, including a wallet with identification as he left the area. It was discovered the identification belonged to someone the deputies had contact with only 20 minutes prior to the report of the vehicle prowling. At that time, the subject was wearing an exact match of clothing described by the reporting party of the vehicle prowling. Deputies searched the area for this same individual and soon located him carrying two backpacks. While attempting to contact him, he quickly discarded the two backpacks and fled on foot. A short foot pursuit took place, but the Deputies were able to quickly catch the 21 year old Chelan man and take him into custody.

Numerous items discarded by the suspect are believed to be taken during this and potentially other vehicle prowls. Some of the items were discovered to be from at least one recent Burglary in the area. At the time of the arrest, he was booked into jail for Residential Burglary, Theft 3rd and Criminal Trespass. We anticipate additional Burglary and Theft charges to be added, but are looking for assistance from the public.

If you have been a recent victim of Burglary, Theft or Vehicle Prowling and live in the immediate Chelan area, and know of specific items taken during these crimes, please contact Chelan County Detective, Josh Mathena at (509)667-6842.

As a reminder to the people we serve, no matter where you live in the County, please remember to lock your vehicles and homes and keep valuables out of direct sight of people who may be walking by or in the area. Most criminals are opportunists, looking for easy targets. By being vigilant and taking these simple protective steps, people can better their odds at not becoming victims to theft and property crimes.

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