

Suspected car thief behind bars

Truckee police officers arrested a man early this morning who is believed to have stolen multiple vehicles.

A sergeant noticed a suspicious vehicle about 1am July 27 that appeared to be casing businesses on Donner Pass Road. As the officer followed the vehicle out of the parking lot the driver sped onto Donner Pass Road and then Pioneer Trail and Comstock Court, where he was detained.

Officers said Dustin Ball, 26, claimed to be looking for a place to stay, but could not explain his driving behavior.

Ball was not the owner of the vehicle. It had been stolen from the Truckee area, but had not been reported to the police. Ball was also in possession of a switchblade knife and several unopened pieces of mail that did not belong to him, officers said.

While checking the area where the first vehicle was stolen from, officers located another stolen vehicle from the Oakland area. In it were several items that connected Ball to that vehicle. There were also several pieces of mail from the Reno area.

Ball was booked into jail on two counts of motor vehicle theft, possession of stolen property and possession of a switchblade knife

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