

5 suspects caught in Truckee theft spree

Five people were arrested in Truckee in three days related to a series of thefts in the area.

Officers were alerted Oct. 21 to suspicious people entering unlocked vehicles in the Prosser Lakeview subdivision. A witness was detaining a suspect, Lourene Walter. Officers arrested Walter, 20, on felony charges of theft, being under the influence of a controlled substance, and conspiracy to commit crimes. Also on Friday officers arrested Jonathan Nash, 20, on charges of felony theft, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, and conspiracy to commit crimes.

As officers were continuing to investigate, they determined there were at least six associated thefts, including a stolen vehicle, with possibly more unreported thefts. One theft included a construction site in the Tahoe Donner subdivision where several construction tools were stolen. These were later recovered in another vehicle in the Prosser area.

Officers also determined there were three more people involved. Brittany Nash, 29, was taken into custody on Oct. 22 on felony theft and conspiracy to commit crimes, she also had a fixed blade knife concealed on her, according to officers.

Kelsey Ewing, 23, was taken into custody on charges of felony theft and conspiracy to commit crimes. Ewing was recently released for auto theft in an unassociated case.

On Oct. 23, Ronald Cochran, 54, was taken into custody. He was booked on charges on felony theft and conspiracy to commit crimes.

Officers are continuing to follow-up on other possible crimes

associated with this group. Anyone with information is asked to contact Sgt. Robert Womack at 530.550.2335 or rwomack@townoftruckee.com.

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