Truckee officers recover bikes worth \$125,000+

Four brothers from San Francisco have been arrested on theft charges. They are accused of stealing high-end mountain bikes from various locations in Truckee, Tahoe City, Squaw Valley, and Carson City.

Surveillance images caught the suspects committing the thefts, but no specific identifiable information could be established. Investigators were able to determine the make and model of an associated vehicle, however, no license plate could be identified.

On Aug. 19 at approximately 10pm, a Truckee police officer was patrolling a location that had previous thefts, when he located the possible suspect vehicle. Officers detained Jesus Gallardo, 25, Sergio Gallardo, 23, Martin Gallardo, 27, and Juan Carlos Gallardo, 29.

All four were charged with multiple counts of grand theft, criminal conspiracy, and possession of stolen property.

Truckee police detectives served search warrants for the suspects' vehicles and a residence in San Francisco. Investigators recovered approximately \$70,000 worth of mountain bikes, road bikes, and related components. The dollar value of all the items taken from Truckee/Tahoe region is estimated to be in excess of \$125,000.

The Truckee Police Department is currently inventorying each of these items in an attempt to locate the lawful owners.

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