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Press Release

DATE OF EVENT: October 05, 2011

TYPE OF EVENT: Grand Theft Vehicle

LOCATION: 300 Blk. E. Ridgecrest Blvd.

CHARGES: CVC 10851(a) – Vehicle Theft, PC 273a(a) – Child Endangerment.

SUSPECTS: PURHAM, Mark Anthony – BMA – 35 YOA

On 10/5/2011 at about 1540 hours, a vehicle was reported stolen from a N. Sahara address. The suspect of the stolen vehicle was said to be Mark Anthony Purham. A subsequent BOL was put out to Officers of the shift to look for Purham in a 1992 White Lincoln Town Car. Shortly after the BOL was announced, Officers located the vehicle in the 300 blk. E. Ridgecrest Blvd. Officers initiated a felony stop on the vehicle where Purham was taken into custody without incident. Also inside the vehicle were (3) small children who were not restrained in either a child seat or seat belts. Purham was eventually transported to the Kern County Sheriff's Department where he was booked and held pending \$70,000.00 bail.

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