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Detectives Make Arrest in Airport Wire Theft and Recover Stolen Puppy

MODESTO, CA- Detectives from the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department and Modesto Police Department arrested 3 suspects believed to be responsible for stealing wire from the Modesto Airport runway lighting system. The first theft was reported to the Modesto Police Department on July 28, 2008. The thieves stole wire from electrical boxes and temporarily disabled part of the airport lighting system around the runway. The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department assisted the Modesto Police Department with investigation and on-going surveillance of the airport.

On Tuesday, August 12, 2008 Detectives from both agencies attempted to conduct a traffic stop on 41-year-old Peter MORENO after he was seen leaving the area of the airport. MORENO attempted to flee for a short distance then stopped his car. MORENO and two other people in the car were detained and interviewed by detectives. After interviewing MORENO, he was arrested in connection with the thefts at the airport. MORENO's 19-year-old son Peter MORENO Jr and a 17-year-old female juvenile were also arrested.

During the investigation, detectives went to MORENO's home and found evidence from several other residential and commercial burglaries, including a puppy that was stolen during a residential burglary in Salida almost a month ago. The puppy was returned to the 4-year-old girl who missed him very much.

Peter MORENO was arrested and booking for grand theft, receiving stolen property, and burglary. MORENO Jr was arrested for grand theft, receiving stolen property, driving on a suspended license, and flight from an officer. The juvenile was arrested and booked for grand theft and receiving stolen property.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact Modesto Police Detective Mike Freudenthal at (209) 572-9541 or Sheriff's Detective Mike Myers at (209) 525-7084. Callers can also leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (209) 521-4636 and be eligible for a cash reward.

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