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PRESS RELEASE

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Two Suspects Arrested for Burglarizing Home While Homeowner Sleeping Inside

Patterson, CA- Yesterday morning Sheriff's Deputies responded to a reported burglary in-progress at a home in the 1400 block of Mesa Creek Drive in the City of Patterson. Deputies also received information that the elderly homeowner might still be inside of the home.

Deputies arrived and woke up the elderly owner who was unaware of the entry and theft in her home. The suspects had fled prior to the deputies arriving. While checking the area, a deputy spotted two people as they were exiting a second home a few blocks away. The deputy detained the two suspects and discovered they had burglarized the second home also. In their possession were items from both burglaries and stolen items from a prior vehicle burglary. During this investigation, the Sheriff's Department received reports of nearby businesses that had been burglarized overnight. The two suspects were connected to the business burglaries as well.

The two suspects arrested are Manuel GALLARDO 03/20/1980 of Patterson and Alma AVILA 02/04/1973 of Modesto. Both suspects are being charged with First Degree Burglary, Second Degree Burglary, and Receiving Stolen Property.

Anyone with information about this case can contact the Sheriff's Department at (209) 525-7074. Callers can also leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (209) 521-4636. Tipsters can also e-mail tips at <http://www.modestopolice.com/CrimeStoppers>, or text them to CRIMES (274637) by typing "Tip704" plus the message and be eligible for a cash reward.

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