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MEDIA RELEASE

Local Auto Theft Task Force Captures Two

A multi-jurisdictional auto theft task force took two people into custody just after noon today after a short pursuit that ended in Denver. At about 11:50 a.m., the C-MATT was conducting surveillance in the 7500 block of E. Harvard Avenue, in Arapahoe County, for a suspect wanted on a felony warrant and in possession of a stolen vehicle.

The suspect fled the area in the vehicle, striking two unmarked law enforcement vehicles and several parked, unattended vehicles. Marked units did pursue the felon for a short time but discontinued their pursuit. An aviation asset attached to C-MATT continued to observe the suspect until the suspect's vehicle became disabled at 9th Street and Colorado Boulevard in Denver at about 12:05 p.m. The suspect got in a short foot pursuit with officers in the area after leaving his vehicle.

The male suspect and his female passenger were taken safely into custody without further incident. No names are available at this time.

C-MATT is the Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA) Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force. The task force is a cooperative effort of metro agencies formed for the identification, investigation and prosecution of individuals and groups involved in the theft of motor vehicles; the fencing of stolen property; the operation of chop shops; and other associated criminal activities.

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