



Porterville Police Department Press Release

Incident: Auto Theft
Possession of stolen automobile

Date/Time: December 19, 2011/ 1:11 PM

Location: Leggett Street @ Olive Avenue, Porterville

Suspect(s): Humberto Cervantes, 43 years, Porterville resident

Narrative:

On December 19, 2011, at approximately 1:11 PM, Porterville Police Officers contacted a male juvenile riding a Honda dirt bike, without a helmet, in the area of Leggett Street and Olive Avenue. Officers inspected the dirt bike and the dirt bike's Vehicle Identification Number (V.I.N.) and determined the dirt bike had been stolen in 2007 and reported to the Porterville Area California Highway Patrol Office.

The male juvenile led officers to a residence in the 900 block of E. Dixie Avenue where he reported to have borrowed the dirt bike. Officers contacted 43-year-old Humberto Cervantes at his residence who identified himself as the owner of the dirt bike. Cervantes was unable to provide any documents identifying himself as the owner of the dirt bike and could not identify the person who sold him the dirt bike. Cervantes admitted to purchasing the dirt bike in 2007 for \$100.00 knowing the dirt bike was stolen. Cervantes was arrested for auto theft and possession a stolen auto. The recovered stolen Honda dirt bike was returned to the owner and Cervantes was booked into the Tulare County Jail where he is being held in lieu of \$25,000.00 bail.