



News Release

February 4, 2009

Washington County Sheriff Tim Helder announced today deputies recovered stolen property and arrested two suspects in western Washington County.

On February 3, 2009 at about 8:00 a.m. Washington County deputies responded to a call from Washington County Road Department employees who witnessed two white males driving a maroon colored Ford truck attempting to steal a portable generator from Prairie Grove Telephone Company property at the intersection of Greasy Valley Road and Four Corners Road. When the suspects saw the Road Department employees, they removed the generator from their truck and fled the scene.

At 9:41 a.m., Prairie Grove Telephone Company reported the theft of a portable generator from their property on Antioch Road in the Morrow area. These generators were being used to charge the batteries located at the telephone company's Digital Loop Carriers, which allowed customer telephones to work during the power outages caused by the recent ice storm.

At 9:45 a.m., Washington County deputies located a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle parked at O'Reilly Automotive in Lincoln, AR. During an investigation, deputies found the portable generator stolen from Antioch Road. Deputies also located bolt cutters and chains suspected to be involved with the theft.

Brian **JONES**, W/M, 34 of Springdale and Kenny **NAPIER**, W/M, 42 of Morrow were both arrested for two counts of **THEFT of PROPERTY** (Felony) and two counts of **INTERFERENCE with EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION in the SECOND DEGREE** (Misdemeanor).

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