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VEHICLE RECOVERY KEEPS TOURNAMENT ALIVE

Oceanside Police responded to the Harbor Beach on Saturday May 16, 2009 at approximately 7:20am to take a report of a stolen vehicle.

Stolen vehicle reports are generally a simple form to complete and place in the system so officers can be on the lookout for the vehicle and apprehension of the suspects. What makes this report unique is that the stolen rental van contained sound equipment and awards for a large soccer tournament that was being held at the Harbor Beach over the weekend. Without the awards, hundreds of youths would have left the tournament empty handed.

Officers and investigators put the information out to allied agencies in the hopes the vehicle and property would be returned in time for the conclusion of the tournament. And as luck, or should we say fine police work by all involved, the vehicle was spotted along the roadway disabled in the Santa Barbara area by California Highway Patrol Officers at 10:23am. The driver/suspect of the stolen vehicle was arrested at the scene. He was identified as 41 year old Gary Silverman of Oceanside. Silverman was working with the soccer tournament in an undisclosed capacity and took the vehicle without the permission of the organizers.

Oceanside Detectives moved fast to have the property released to the organizers so they were able to retrieve the trophies and medals and have them ready for the awards ceremonies.

Silverman was arrested and will be charged with Vehicle Theft and Possession of Stolen Property.

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