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## **ROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT ARREST LEADS TO STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERY**

ROCKPORT, TX – A suspicious vehicle call answered by patrol officers, complemented by detective work from a burglary call three hours later, resulted in the same day arrest of two individuals, who were in possession of stolen property.

At the time of contact, the officers observed the subjects were in possession of numerous kayaks and a large amount of fishing and kayaking equipment. The only determined offense was a class C misdemeanor for which the officers issued a citation and released the suspects.

An investigation of a theft and possible residential burglary several hours later resulted in officers being able to link the two male subjects, contacted earlier in the morning, to the theft and a search warrant was obtained. During the warrant execution, detectives recovered eight kayaks, 17 fishing rods and reels, two Lowrance fish finders, numerous small tools, and miscellaneous fishing and kayaking equipment.

Joshua James Gorley, 28, of Mineral Wells and Joseph Walter Howe, 27, of Texas City were arrested at a storage unit, located at 122 S. Fuqua, where the property was found. The recovery helped the Rockport Police Department clear four theft and/or burglary cases, as well as two Aransas County Sheriff's Department cases.

Further charges and arrests are possible as this is an ongoing investigation. Both Gorley and Howe are listed as suspects in similar crimes along the Texas coast and related information has been forwarded to multiple law enforcement agencies.