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ATV recoveries grow

As a result of further investigation into the theft of 7 ATV's from a local business, the Police Department has recovered 2 more bringing the total number recovered to 4. 39 year old Lauren Littlefield and his 13 year old son were arrested for the thefts.

“We believe the two played a major role in the thefts.”

-Chet Stygar, Detective Sergeant

Inside Littlefield's home Detective's located other items stolen from the business including a video game and television.

Littlefield and his son have been charged with the thefts, possession of stolen property amongst other charges. Littlefield remains in custody and his son was taken to the Merced County Juvenile Hall.

“Our officers have put a lot of time into recovering these vehicles. The Detectives identified the suspects; patrol staff located them and the recoveries exemplify the teamwork and tenaciousness of our staff.”

-Chris Gallagher, Chief of Police

The investigation is ongoing; anyone with information regarding the thefts is encouraged to contact Detective Sergeant Chet Stygar at, 827 7070 X 134.