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**Los Banos**  
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**LOS BANOS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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January 26, 2008

Suspect arrested driving stolen vehicle

At approximately 2:36 A.M., on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>, while patrolling in the area of East B Street and Ancona, Officer Chris Borchardt attempted to stop a vehicle driving with a broken headlight. The vehicle's driver refused to pull over and led officers on a low speed chase for just over a half mile.

The driver and lone occupant, John Dunbar, 45 years old, of Los Banos, eventually pulled over on North Creekside near Snow Goose where Dunbar was taken into custody without incident.

Dunbar was arrested for theft of a stolen vehicle, evading police, possession of stolen property and driving on a suspended license. He remains in custody as he was also found to have several warrants out of Tracy and Lake County Ca., one of which is a "no-bail" warrant for a sex crime against a minor.

The registered owner of the vehicle had reported her 1990 Nissan Sentra stolen from her home in Hayward Ca.

"This is great police work by Officer Borchardt and a nice example of how a stop for a broken headlight can turn into a significant arrest. A potentially dangerous individual is off the streets of Los Banos, the victim is able to recover their property and above all no one got hurt."

Chris Gallagher, Chief of Police

Anyone with information regarding this incident is strongly encouraged to contact the Los Banos Police Department at **209 827 7070**. To leave an anonymous crime tip call, **209 827 7070 X 288**.

If you have access to a computer and the internet you can also leave an anonymous tip, just go to the Police Departments web page at [www.losbanos.org](http://www.losbanos.org). At the bottom of the "Contact" page simply click on the "report graffiti and other crime" link.