

Undercover police track, arrest two suspects after wave of shoplifting

'High risk traffic stop' yields over 100 items

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A group of people driving around Albuquerque stealing items from businesses on Saturday also picked up a trail of undercover detectives. Police said they uncovered more than 100 items inside the car, which itself was stolen, and arrested two suspects after making a "high risk traffic stop" at 4th and Hazeldine SW, Gilbert Gallegos, a police spokesman, said in a news release.

Auto-theft detectives on an undercover operation Downtown first followed the silver Hyundai Sonata to the Home Depot at 200 Eubank SE, according to a criminal complaint filed in Metropolitan Court. The female driver, later identified as Janelle Delayo, 29, entered the business.

Delayo and the three other passenger took turns entering the store and shoplifting, Gallegos said.

A man, later identified as Frankie Snyder, 32, drove to the Walgreens at Eubank and Menaul NE, where police said the group repeated their scheme.

Then it was off to the CVS on the 9600 block of Menaul NE, where Delayo entered the store and, when confronted by employees while exiting, fired a Taser, Gallegos said.

Detectives tracked the car to the McDonalds near 4th and Avenida Cesar Chavez SE. A marked unit tried to stop car, which drove away, and police used a spike belt to try to disable it, police said.

The suspects fled and abandoned the car near 2nd and Santa Fe SW. A police helicopter, as well as officers involved in the tactical plan, tried to track them according to the news release.

Delayo and Snyder were arrested as they tried to leave the neighborhood, Gallegos said.

Snyder was booked into the Metropolitan Detention Center on charges of receiving or transferring a stolen vehicle and aggravated fleeing a law enforcement vehicle, Delayo was booked on stolen vehicle charges, according to jail records.