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Press Release

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Belen Man Arrested For Theft of Copper Wiring

Just before midnight on Saturday, 5/12/12, officers with the Bosque Farms police department were dispatched to the area of Bonita Drive due to two suspicious males in the area stealing copper wire.

Officer Stormes was the first to arrive and spotted a vehicle fleeing the area on a nearby ditch bank headed south towards the Bosque Farms waste water treatment plant. Officer Stormes drove down McNew Road and found the vehicle stuck in the mud. Two males exited the car and fled on foot.

After a short foot chase, officer Stormes caught and arrested Reyes Marquez, age 31 of Belen, without incident. He was booked into the Valencia County detention center on charges of felony larceny, resisting & obstructing an officer and criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$10,000.00 cash/surety by Belen magistrate judge Danny Hawkes. The second male was not found or identified and the suspect's car was impounded. The stolen property was valued at about \$1,000.00 and was returned to the owner.

Sgt. Wilkins said this incident was a great example of team work between an alert citizen calling the police about suspicious activity and the fast response by a police officer. "Oftentimes criminals are caught because a citizen calls the police about suspicious activity" Wilkins said. Wilkins said citizens should not worry about thinking that their call might not actually be criminal activity. "We'd rather go to ten calls that turn out to be nothing than miss the one call that is something" he said.

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