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Eugene Police K-9 Recovers Stolen Gun

A Eugene Police K-9 officer recovered a stolen weapon taken shortly before 1:00 this morning after the victim called to report two suspects who had just left with the firearm. The victim advised officers that he was approached while sitting in his parked car in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart at 1040 Green Acres, by two males not known to the victim, who asked to use his cellphone to contact a friend for a ride. He allowed them to place their call and the two men sat in the victim’s vehicle while attempting to reach their ride. While in the vehicle one of the suspects began to search through the victim’s property in the backseat. The two were asked to exit the vehicle when the victim became uncomfortable; as he was aware an unloaded firearm was concealed in the rear area of the car.

After the suspects exited the vehicle, the victim then searched the rear of the car looking for the concealed weapon and was unable to locate it. Realizing that the two likely took the weapon, the victim produced a second firearm drawing it and pointing it at the suspects and demanding the gun back. The two men took off running through the adjoining Delta Oaks shopping center parking lots, eventually circling back to the Wal-Mart parking lot where they were contacted by responding police officers.

Officers on scene were not immediately able to locate the missing weapon and called for the assistance of a Police K-9, who searched the direction of the suspects’ travel and recovered the stolen weapon.

Ultimately, Joseph Wilson Brumback, a 26-year-old Harrisburg man, was arrested on one count of Theft in the First Degree and one unrelated outstanding warrant.

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