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TWO JUVENILES ARRESTED AFTER DEPUTY FINDS ILLEGAL SHOTGUN

Early Monday morning just after 12:37 a.m., Solano County Sheriff's Office dispatch center received a call from a concerned citizen regarding two male subjects carrying an illegal shotgun in the unincorporated area of Vallejo. Deputies were dispatched to the area and conducted an extensive area check. At 12:45 a.m. Deputy Richard Bennett located two male juveniles walking in an alley between Carquinez and Lemon Streets and attempted to make contact. One of the males was compliant while the other ran from the area carrying a backpack. Deputy Bennett detained the compliant juvenile and a short time later the other juvenile returned to Deputy Bennett's location without the backpack. The second juvenile was detained and both were identified as being 17 years old.

Deputies conducted an area search for the backpack and found it on the roof of a nearby building. Inside the backpack deputies found a sawed off pistol grip 12 gauge shotgun. The shotgun was not loaded when it was found but live 12 gauge ammunition was located in the area.

Both juveniles were booked into Solano County Juvenile Hall. One of the juveniles was currently on probation and was booked on the following charges: probation violation, being in possession of a concealed firearm, possession of a sawed off shotgun and conspiracy. The other Suspect was booked for resisting arrest, being in possession of a concealed firearm, being in possession of a sawed off shotgun and conspiracy.

Citizens are always encouraged to contact their local law enforcement when they observe something illegal or suspicious. The actions of this concerned citizen played an important role in getting these two young men with a firearm off the streets and preventing any further incident.

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