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INFORMATION RELEASE
Arrests Made in Vallejo Chop Shop Investigation

On November 4th, 2015, the Solano County Sheriff's Office Stolen Vehicle Task Force arrested 46 year old Alejandro Caro of Vallejo in connection with the stolen vehicle dismantling operation (chop shop) previously discovered in the 400 block of Banning Way, Vallejo on October 20th.

On November 5th, patrol deputies arrested 60 year old Ernesto Diaz in the 400 block of Banning Way, Vallejo also in connection with this case.

This investigation started on October 9th, after the Solano County Sheriff's Office Investigation Bureau received an anonymous tip through the Solano County Crime Stoppers hotline regarding the location of a stolen vehicle. Investigators with the Sheriff's Office Stolen Vehicle Task Force conducted an investigation into the tip, which lead to the service of a search warrant in the 400 block of Banning Way, Vallejo on October 20th, 2015.

Investigators found approximately 20 cars on the property that were in various stages of being dismantled. Six of the vehicles were confirmed as having been reported as stolen, including a 1966 Corvette Stingray and a Bobcat tractor. Information obtained during the search warrant led investigators to a secondary address where they found two more stolen vehicles. On November 3rd, auto theft investigators located a stolen flatbed trailer in the 2000 block of Broadway Street. The trailer belonged with the Bobcat tractor recovered during the original search warrant.

This case highlights the importance of community involvement and partnerships. One alert citizen's tip, along with the Crime Stoppers program directly led to the discovery of a chop shop operation and the recovery of nine stolen vehicles

Any citizen with information regarding these vehicles or this case is encouraged to contact the Solano County Sheriff's Office Investigation Bureau at (707) 784-7050. Callers may also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (707) 644-STOP (7867).

If you have any questions regarding this press release, I can be contacted at the phone numbers listed below. Any photos that are available for release will be posted on the Solano Sheriff's Office Facebook page.

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