

LoJack Law Enforcement app assists with RECOVERY OF TOYOTA RAV4 in Fresno, California



Case Profile:

Vehicle:

Toyota Rav4

Activation:

Madera Police Department, Madera, California

Recovery:

Fresno Career Criminal Auto Theft Team (CCAT)

Dealership:

Madera Toyota Chevrolet, Madera, California

THE CASE

Employees of a Madera, CA dealership discovered a Toyota Rav4 missing from the lot.

After reviewing surveillance video, they determined the brand-new car, valued at \$47,000, was stolen early that morning. Employees suspected a male who had visited the dealership the day prior posing as a vendor and was ultimately asked to leave. The theft was reported to the Madera Police Department and the vehicle was listed stolen in the National Crime Information Computer (NCIC).

Utilizing the installed LoJack GPS system, dealership management determined the vehicle was actively being used in the Fresno, California area.

This information was given to the responding officer. A detective with the Fresno Career Criminal Auto Theft Team was assigned to the case. Utilizing his free LoJack for Law Enforcement application, the detective was able to determine the precise live location of the stolen vehicle. The app was utilized by the Auto Theft Task Force team to monitor the movement of the vehicle until a felony stop could be conducted in a safe location. The driver was taken into custody without incident and arrested for unlawful possession of a stolen vehicle. The Toyota was processed for evidence and released to the dealership, minimizing any financial loss to the business.

Follow-up conducted by detectives determined the suspect in custody matched the person in the video who visited the dealership the day prior posing as a vendor. The suspect also has prior criminal history for auto theft.

The swift action taken by dealership management and law enforcement, coupled with the utilization of technology such as LoJack GPS system and the LoJack for Law Enforcement application, played a crucial role in the recovery of the stolen vehicle and the apprehension of the suspect.

The LoJack GPS system was pre-installed by Madera Toyota Chevrolet, Madera, California.

THE RESULT

The detective received the information at 10:53am. A LoJack Law Enforcement Liaison verified the valid stolen entry and added it to the LoJack LE app. The detective notified her the vehicle was recovered and a suspect in custody at 11:47am. They were able to locate the vehicle within 5-10 minutes of it being visible in the app.

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“Using the LoJack law enforcement app assisted our team in locating the vehicle within 5 – 10 minutes after being advised of the location of the vehicle that was stolen and in the Fresno Area. After locating the vehicle our CCATT team began surveillance on the vehicle and witnessed a suspect get in the vehicle and drive away from the original location. With the assistance of the LoJack for Law Enforcement app we were able to track the vehicle while it dove through several City of Fresno streets, to where the vehicle ultimately parked and the driver got out of the vehicle and he was detained and arrested. The LoJack for Law Enforcement app was very helpful with locating and detaining a suspect with the stolen vehicle.”

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