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Cop catches car crook



Arredondo

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A September Burglary of a Motor Vehicle offense along La Porte's Spencer Highway was looked at repeatedly by La Porte Detectives, but no leads were discovered, despite multiple interviews, Crime Stoppers notifications, website postings, and inter-agency distributions of suspect images. Instead, it was an active patrolman, alert for anything out of the ordinary, who started the spark which reignited the case. In the end the suspect was identified, an arrest warrant issued, and within a few days 39 year old Reynaldo Arredondo of La Porte was placed in custody.

On September 5th, 2012, a vehicle purse was stolen from within a vehicle parked at Rowdy's convenience store located in the 8300 block of Spencer Highway. The incident was caught on video, which LPPD Detectives distributed to area Patrol Officers. A few weeks later, alert patrol officers observed a vehicle resembling the one previously captured on the surveillance video as it drove down the 1100 block of South Broadway. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was arrested for operating a vehicle without a license. During the course of the arrest, the arresting officer noticed a license in the vehicle which did not depict the driver. In fact, the license belonged to a suspect caught on the same surveillance camera footage. The information was quickly passed onto agency investigators, who were later able to locate the suspect and secure charges of Burglary of a Motor Vehicle.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office ultimately authorized a Class A charge of Burglary of a Motor Vehicle against Arredondo, an offense which carries the potential of up to a \$4000 fine and/or a year in county jail.