

Deputies chase and capture ATV, stolen motorcycle riders

by Cheryl McDermott

BEND, Ore. -- Two Bend men were arrested Saturday when they were later apprehended hiding in a Deschutes River Woods home after abandoning an ATV and stolen motorcycle they recklessly rode while eluding deputies during a chase.

Michael Lee Andreozzi (left), Rocky Lee Jarrett (right) - DCJ photos According to Deschutes County Sheriff's Lt. Erik Utter, a deputy attempted a traffic stop on the two vehicles about 10:45 a.m., March 8, on River Woods Drive near Tumalo Circle in the Deschutes River Woods sub-division.

Both men, later identified as Michael Lee Andreozzi, 21, and Rocky Lee Jarrett, 20, failed to yield and sped off recklessly and at excessive speeds, leading the deputy on a short pursuit before he abandoned the chase for safety reasons.

The deputy tracked the 4-wheel ATV and motorcycle into the woods, just south of River Woods Country Store on the east side of the railroad tracks, the lieutenant reported. A check of vehicle identification numbers (VINs) determined that the motorcycle was stolen.

Additional deputies and Bend Police officers arrived to assist and established a perimeter around the area. The two vehicles were found hidden in the woods, about 3.4 miles south of the store, as were other evidentiary items, Utter wrote in a news release.

A Bend Police K-9 dog was deployed, but eventually lost the suspects'™ tracks near Navajo Road.

“Prior investigative contacts” in the subdivision is what led deputies and officers to the residence on Choctaw Road where Andreozzi and Jarrett were found inside, hiding, Utter explained.

Both men were taken into custody and lodged in the Deschutes County Jail, and both are charged with the same crimes. Andreozzi and Jarrett will face charges including unlawful use of a motor vehicle, felony eluding a police officer by vehicle, misdemeanor eluding a police officer on foot, reckless driving and first-degree theft.

The investigation is continuing, Lt. Utter said.

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