

Tow truck drivers chase alleged robbers

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FORT WORTH, Texas -- Employees of a Fort Worth, Texas, tow truck company chased down two men who had allegedly robbed their business, holding one until help arrived, police said.

Fort Worth Police Lt. Paul Henderson said Ollie Ray Whitworth, 43, and his 18-year-old son, Ollie Ray Whitworth Jr., jumped into a tow truck and pursued two men who had fled on foot allegedly after taking the cash drawer from their business, Abandoned Vehicle Enforcement, Sunday night, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

Ignoring shots fired at them, the Whitworths chased the suspects through a field and a parking lot, eventually knocking Christopher Aaron Shun Mayo, 26, to the ground and holding him until police arrived, Henderson said.

Mayo was arrested on suspicion of aggravated robbery while the other suspect, who escaped in a car that was parked at a mobile home park, remained at large, the newspaper said.

Although praising the drivers' actions, Henderson told the Star-Telegram, "Police departments never advise taking the law into your own hands."

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