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Car Owner Nabs Car Thief

Summary:

A father and son, who had been working out at the 24 Hour Fitness Gym on Watson, were returning to their vehicle when they observed a suspect inside. It appeared the suspect was trying to steal the vehicle. The suspect fled on foot as the owner approached and the owner chased the suspect down, catching him some distance from the vehicle. The owner brought the suspect back to the scene where the police had been called by the son. The suspect was arrested and taken to jail.

Details:

On February 2nd, 2012, at 2:45 PM, Beaverton Police were called to the report of an attempted stolen vehicle at the parking garage located near the 24 Hour Fitness at 4145 SW Watson Ave. Officers arrived and found a 44 year old male and his 15 year old son detaining 36 year old Chase Perrine. The 44 year old and his son gave officers the following account of what occurred.

The father and his son were leaving the 24 Hour Fitness Gym and returning to their truck, parked on the fourth floor of the parking garage located near the gym. While approaching the truck they saw a subject inside the truck who appeared to be trying to steal it. As the father and son approached the truck the suspect exited the truck and tried to get away. The father and son boxed the suspect in between other vehicles but the suspect managed slip between them and ran from the scene.

The 44 year old father gave his cell phone to his 15 year old with instructions to call 911 and then ran after the suspect, chasing the suspect down all four flights of stairs and away from the parking garage and toward the street some distance away. The 44 year old father, who ran track in school, told the suspect as he was chasing and catching up to him, that he was not going to get away. The suspect then stopped and gave up. The 44 year old father escorted the then compliant would be car thief back up the four flights of stairs and back to the truck, all while the suspect was begging to be let go.

Officer arrived and took Chase Perrine into custody. Perrine is being charged with Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, Criminal Mischief, Criminal Trespass, and Unlawful entry into a motor vehicle. Perrine was lodged at the Washington County Jail.

The 44 year old father is willing to speak with the media. If you are interested in speaking with him you can call/email me to receive his cell phone number.