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SUBJECT	Theft from Vehicle Arrests		@EauClairePD

On Wednesday, July 20, 2016, Eau Claire Police responded to theft from vehicle complaints in the Oakwood Mall and Texas Roadhouse parking lots in the City of Eau Claire. Multiple items had been stolen from the vehicles including a wallet, various electronic devices and a handgun.

Shortly after the items were stolen, a credit card belonging to one of the victims was used for a financial transaction nearby. Officers quickly and thoroughly investigated the evidence and leads. With the cooperation of several businesses involved, the officers were able to identify two suspects and their vehicle. Officers then proactively checked local hotels and located the suspect vehicle and suspects inside the hotel. Both suspects were taken into custody and numerous stolen items were recovered from their possession, including the items from the original theft reports.

The following suspects were arrested and are currently in the Eau Claire County Jail awaiting their initial court appearance:

JOEL POVERUD, 03/26/1988
Zip Code: 54701
- Unauthorized Use of Entity's Identification
- Probation Violation

LAUREN E. BERG, 08/07/1986
Zip Code: 54729
Arrest Charges:
- Theft
- Felon in Possession of a Firearm

The Eau Claire Police Department continues to investigate the circumstances of these thefts and their connection with others in the area. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Eau Claire Police Department at 715-839-4982.

