

# Media Release

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## ***Suspicious Person Investigation reveals a Car Theft Suspect***

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On March 9, 2015, at approximately 3:30 AM, YCSO deputies were dispatched to suspicious activity on I-17 south of Camp Verde, Arizona. The reporting person told deputies he picked up a stranded motorist who had passed him on I17 and then pulled over as if in some type of trouble. The reporting person stopped to assist and agreed to take the man, identified as 28-year-old Darrin Miles, to the nearby Comfort Inn hotel as requested by Miles. During the ride, Miles was speaking incoherently while mentioning his dark colored pick-up had run out of gas. The reporting person expressed to deputies concern about the unusual behavior of Miles during their time together.



Miles

Deputies located Miles at the Comfort Inn and when questioned about a vehicle he was driving running out of gas, Miles denied any knowledge of such vehicle. Assisting deputies in the area were able to locate an unoccupied black 2012 Chevrolet Silverado on I17 near Highway 169. The Silverado appeared to belong to a Phoenix car dealership and follow-up with the Phoenix Police Department, confirmed the Silverado had been stolen by a man matching the description of Miles. Keys to several unrelated vehicles were also found in the Silverado.

During his arrest, Miles resisted handcuffing and attempted to assault a deputy but was eventually restrained.

Miles was booked at the Camp Verde Detention Center on charges including Unlawful Means of Transportation, Aggravated Assault against a Law Enforcement Officer, Resisting Arrest and Driving on a Suspended License. He remains in-custody on a \$10,000 bond.

Crime Prevention tip – When coming across similar circumstances, especially in light of the early morning hour, motorists should consider contacting law enforcement immediately to explain the circumstances BEFORE offering a ride to anyone.

*Citizens can contact the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office with information or questions at 928-771-3260 or the YCSO website:*

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