

## License plate reader aids in stolen car recovery

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CONYERS -- A Conyers Police officer using a license plate reader to monitor traffic on Interstate 20 recovered a stolen vehicle Friday.

The officer reported that he received a stolen vehicle hit on a Chevrolet Equinox at about 2:40 a.m. while monitoring traffic on I-20 eastbound near the West Avenue exit. License plate readers capture license plate information from vehicles and check it against vehicle databases.

A radio check with the CPD Communications Center confirmed that the vehicle had been stolen in Virginia from Hertz Rent-A-Car. The officer followed the vehicle as it exited I-20 and continued to the area of Flat Shoals and Avalon road. Other officers arrived at that point and the suspect vehicle was pulled over on Avalon Road.

The driver, Ferlando Verriceo Dade, 42, of Clarkston, was ordered out of the vehicle at gunpoint and handcuffed. He reportedly told officers that he had been given the vehicle by another man who had told him he could drive it a week and then turn it in on Sunday, April 14.

Police contacted the man, who said he had given the car to Dade about a month ago to turn in because he was going to be out of town.

Dade was charged with felony theft by receiving stolen property and taken to the Rockdale County Jail. A male passenger in the Equinox was not charged.