Dropped cell phone leads CPSO to thieves

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A cell phone dropped at the scene of a theft on Parkhaven Place in north Caddo Parish led Caddo detectives to their suspects on Wednesday, said Sheriff Steve Prator.

Deputies recovered the cell phone and a pair of bolt cutters from the crime scene where someone stole an ATV after cutting a cable used to secure it. Caddo Detective Michael Price called several numbers found on the cell phone and got a call back from a local auto repair business. Price posed as a potential customer and got the address for the business. Detectives went to 6057 Old Mooringsport Road and located the stolen ATV along with other stolen goods.

In all, detectives recovered $30,000 in property, including three ATVs, three riding lawn mowers, two generators, a power washer, a blower, and a set of ramps. The two generators and the power washer were stolen from the I-49 construction site at Hwy. 173. Other items were stolen in Bossier Parish.

Arrested were Coty Thompson, 20, of the 2000 block of Chelsea Drive in Benton, and David Cooper, 17, of the 5500 block of Country Aire Drive in Shreveport. Both were booked into the Caddo Correctional Center for felony theft. Detectives also arrested Gary Granlund Jr., 38, of 6057 Old Mooringsport Road, for illegal possession of stolen things.