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**INFORMATION RELEASE**

**Search Warrant Leads to Recovery of Stolen Vehicles and a Firearm**

On Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015, auto theft investigators with the Solano County Sheriff's Office Stolen Vehicle Task Force served a search warrant at a storage unit in the 100 block of Union Street, Vallejo based on a LoJack signal they received. The LoJack Stolen Vehicle Recovery System is an aftermarket vehicle tracking system that allows vehicles to be tracked by law enforcement, with the aim of recovering them in case of theft.

Inside the storage unit, they found a stolen 2008 Mercedes CLS 550 and a semi-automatic assault pistol with two high capacity magazines. Investigators also located vehicle parts belonging to another stolen vehicle that had been dismantled.

Through the investigation, deputies were able to obtain an arrest warrant for 26 year old Derrick Phenix, of Vallejo. Phenix was arrested with assistance from the Richmond Police Department on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> on the warrant for operating a stolen vehicle dismantling shop (commonly referred to as a chop shop), vehicle theft, possession of stolen property, and possession of an assault weapon.

Any citizen with information regarding this case is encouraged to contact the Solano County Sheriff's Office Investigation Bureau at (707) 784-7050. Callers may also remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (707) 644-STOP (7867).

If you have any questions regarding this press release, I can be contacted at the phone numbers listed below. Any photos that are available for release will be posted on the Solano Sheriff's Office Facebook page.

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