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Alleged car thief strikes again

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An Anchorage man who was released on bail after he allegedly stole a vehicle last month was arrested again for the same crime just weeks later, authorities say.

Anchorage Police spokesperson MJ Thim said the alleged suspect, 35-year-old Boren Pal, was arrested Tuesday night after police spotted him inside a tan 2003 Chevy Tahoe that was reported stolen.

According to charging documents, the owner of the Tahoe was contacted by a person on Facebook Tuesday evening saying he had seen her vehicle on Duben Avenue in Anchorage. The owner of the stolen vehicle checked it out for herself and called police once she found her Tahoe.

"[The owner] drove to Duben Ave and pulled up behind her vehicle to block it in when she saw the driver exit the vehicle walk into a residence on Duben avenue, at which point she called 911," court documents said.

Officers responded about five minutes later and commanded everyone inside the apartment to come out.

Pal was arrested on multiple charges including vehicle theft and violations of condition of release.

On January 8, he was arrested for vehicle theft after police found Pal and 32-year-old Taci Pfingsten inside a stolen white 2004 Chevy Blazer.

"Boren also charged with Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance 5 after officers found three bags of methamphetamines while being processed at jail," Thim said.

He was released on bail for that case on a \$500 unsecured bond.

Pal was arraigned in court on Wednesday. According to the pretrial risk assessment, the judge said he was given a score of seven, which considers him a moderate risk for new criminal arrests and moderate risk to appearing in court.

He was ordered a \$1000 cash bail. If he posts bail, he must remain under house arrest.

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