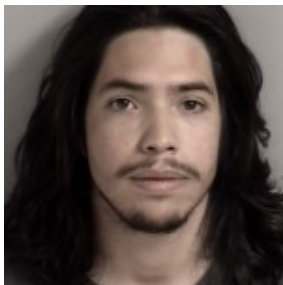


SLT man accused of Christmas Day burglary

A South Lake Tahoe man was arrested Dec. 25 in conjunction with a burglary in the Al Tahoe area of South Lake Tahoe.

People renting a vacation house on Fresno Avenue were awakened about 6:30am to a man rummaging through their belongings. He allegedly entered through a second story sliding glass door.



Daniel Vega

He ran out the front door with their property, according to officers.

"The burglar fell in the snow just outside the entrance and dropped a folding knife with a blade of about 4 inches," according to a police press release. "The suspect had not brandished the knife at any of the victims during the crime."

South Tahoe officers with the assistance of El Dorado County sheriff's deputies found Daniel Vega, 24, in the neighborhood. He was reportedly stealing things from vehicles after he left the residence.

Vega was booked into the El Dorado County Jail on a felony charge of first-degree residential burglary.

Police believe other people are involved. They also are trying to locate stolen goods. Missing are an Apple laptop computer with several stickers displayed on it, and a woman's brown

purse with gray strap and its contents.

Anyone with information is asked to call the South Lake Tahoe Police Department at 530.542.6100 or Lake Tahoe Secret Witness at 530.541.6800.

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