

Police arrest four in Roxbury, confiscate two guns

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Boston police confiscated two firearms and arrested four Boston men Saturday night when they tried to avoid a traffic stop, police said.

Officers patrolling near Walnut Park and Walnut Avenue in Roxbury saw a black Honda Accord trying to speed past them at about 10:10 p.m., police said. The officers checked and discovered that it had been reported stolen.

When the officers tried to stop the car by flashing their emergency lights, the Honda's driver raced off until the car encountered traffic and was forced to stop near 90 Crawford St. The four men got out of the car and tried to flee, police said.

Police chased and apprehended Umhari Bufford, 20; Johan Avalo, 17; Robert Tejeda, 22; and the car's 15-year-old driver, who was not identified as he is a juvenile. They are facing charges including receiving a stolen motor vehicle, unlawful possession of a firearm, and resisting arrest.

They are expected to be arraigned Monday in Roxbury Municipal Court, according to Jake Wark, a spokesman for the Suffolk District Attorney's office.

While police arrested the 15-year-old, they noticed a black, loaded Sig Sauer P226 on

the front passenger seat of the car. The firearm had been reported stolen out of Somerville, police said.

Officers saw Tejeda toss a gun — a loaded .32 Smith & Wesson — while he was running from the car. A pat frisk of Avalo revealed several rounds of ammunition, police said.

Since the beginning of 2014, Boston police have removed 574 illegal guns either used in crimes or confiscated as part of an arrest. In addition, police said 396 guns have been voluntarily turned in by community members as part of the Boston Gun Buyback Program.

“The recovery and confiscation of illegal firearms remains one of our top priorities, and I want to commend the men and women of the police department for their 24-7 commitment to making our city the safest city it can be,” said Police Commissioner William B. Evans in a statement.

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