

Hot wheels drive thieves into trouble

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SOME things are just too hot to drop – like a good set of “mags”, or even just one of them.

But the popular young men’s catchphrase, “you just need a good set of mags and you’re sorted” (with the fairer sex), landed two behind bars in Port Elizabeth after a high-speed chase from Summerstrand all the way to Buffelsfontein Road at 3am on Friday.

And now they are being investigated for links to a spate of similar thefts in the city.

Atlas Security spokesman Gareth Wilson said a resident awoken by a noise had seen two

men removing mag wheels from a car parked in Fourth Avenue, Summerstrand, and alerted Atlas as the thieves fled. All the car’s mags had been loosened, but only one had been removed.

As the resident spoke to Atlas staff in the firm’s control room, vital information was relayed to response staff and police. The getaway car, a red Citi Golf, had sped off in the direction of Strandfontein Road.

Minutes after its description was given to guards and police, it was seen speeding along Heugh Road in Walmer towards the William Moffett Expressway.

Police and Atlas guards gave

chase, with the vehicle “jumping red traffic lights and almost causing numerous accidents” before it was stopped in Buffelsfontein Road. The stolen mag wheel was found in the vehicle and the men arrested for theft.

“Police are hoping to link these culprits to various similar cases that have been reported throughout the Bay,” Wilson said yesterday. “We encourage anyone who has had their car mags or tyres stolen to report this, as it could very well be linked to the same culprits.”

Police said two men would appear in court soon on theft charges.

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