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THOREAU – The McKinley County Sheriff's Office is investigating a brawl-in at the Thoreau Senior Citizen Center during which a vehicle belonging to the organization was stolen.

Deputy J. Bowman said he was dispatched to the center about 6:49 a.m. on June 13 after officials at the center came to work and noticed that their garage door was open. They found some sensor lights damaged. Nothing was missing from the building but the organization's Ford Explorer was gone.

Bowman found a window on the north end of the garage that had been opened about 8 inches, enough to allow a thin person to enter. Officials at the center said that whoever broke in found the keys to the car in the office.

Bowman said the vehicle was recovered later that morning abandoned on Castle Rock Road. The vehicle had heavy front-end damage.

A check of the surroundings revealed two sets of footprints leading away from the vehicle going south onto the pavement. No suspects were located.