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Youth Sentenced After Car Chase

A teenager, who was chased by police while driving a stolen car, was sentenced yesterday to 10 months detention.

The youth stood in the dock, hanging his head in shame, as the jury heard how the 16-year-old, from Abingdon, Oxfordshire, had stolen car keys to a thirty thousand pound Lexus, during a burglary that took place in February this year.

The young offender was having lunch with three friends in a Banbury fast food establishment, when police spotted the stolen vehicle parked on double yellow lines nearby. Detective sergeant Squires and Officer Dibble, of the local Banbury police force, waited opposite the stolen automobile in their unmarked police car until the gang returned, at which point they got out of their blue Rover in order to question the driver. On seeing the police, however, the four boys jumped into the hot sports car and sped off, traveling at speeds of up to 70 mph in 30 mph zones, before pulling into a lay by where all four juveniles got out and sprinted off in different directions.

After a short chase on foot the youngster who had been driving the car, was caught and arrested. Police are still searching for the other three passengers.

The young man admitted to dangerous driving, burglary and handling stolen goods.

Judge Albert Burton described him as a young tear-away and sentenced him to 10 months at a detention centre. The lad was fined £40 for parking on a double yellow line.