

Music fan steals ambulance

Vehicle recovered near the Gorge

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GEORGE — A Quincy Valley Medical Center ambulance was stolen during a concert event at the Gorge Amphitheater Sunday.

Ian R. Cowie, 24, Vancouver, B.C., was booked for theft of a motor vehicle and for driving under the influence of alcohol at Grant County Jail.

The keys were left in the ambulance, Grant County Undersheriff John Turley said

Wednesday. The three-person ambulance crew was near the ambulance at the time of the theft.

Cowie reportedly took the ambulance because he wanted to go to his campsite and did not have transportation, so he took the nearest vehicle, Turley said. He reportedly drove the ambulance south on Silica Road and was stopped a mile south of Sunland Road by law enforcement.

When two of the ambu-

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lance personnel saw the vehicle leaving from where it was parked, they contacted the third ambulance technician to find out why the ambulance was leaving, Turley said. The

third person advised of not being in possession of the ambulance.

Once the ambulance crew learned someone else had the vehicle, law enforcement was contacted, he said. The ambulance was still in sight when it was reported stolen.

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