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Sheriff's deputies, from left, Wayne Smith, John Scanlon and Rudy Ruiz, take suspects into custody.

Three arrested following Aptos burglary

A 19-year-old man and two teen-agers suspected of burglarizing an Aptos home yesterday were caught 15 minutes later with the stolen property in their car, Santa Cruz County sheriff's deputies reported.

Rodrigo Roman, 19, of 119-B

Gonda St., Pajaro, and his companions, ages 17 and 14, were charged with breaking into the home of Susan Janota in the 1900 block of Cox Road and stealing jewelry, a TV, a video game and other items.

A neighbor told deputies he

spotted three people, later identified as Roman and the teen-agers, carrying items from the Janota home at 3 p.m.

The neighbor grabbed a window of Roman's car as it was leaving, but Roman drove off.

Deputies were notified, and spotted the car at Freedom Boulevard and Corralitos Road. They followed it to Bowker Road and Calabasas Road, where Roman and the boys were ordered from the car at gun point and arrested.