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Burglary and Stolen Vehicle Investigations Yield Multiple Arrests

On 06/04/2017 Winthrop Harbor Police Officers were dispatched to the 1800 block of 12th Street related to a residential burglary where two subjects entered the residence through a side attached garage exterior door. It was reported the subjects took a wallet, dog bed, compact disks, and prescription glasses. After completion of the residential burglary, the suspects took the resident victim's Toyota Yaris motor vehicle and left the area in an unknown direction.

On 06/08/2017 Officers were dispatched to the 2200 block of Funderburk Drive related to a residential burglary where two suspects entered the residence through the rear attached garage entry door. It was reported the suspects additionally entered the residence kitchen and took a Toshiba laptop computer, iPhone, iPad, US currency and a wallet, and upon completion of the burglary took the victim's Chevrolet Blazer from inside of the attached garage.

On 06/08/2017 Officers were dispatched to the 1200 block of Adams Avenue related to a burglary from motor vehicle. The victim advised that unknown person(s) entered their unlocked motor vehicle and took a black BB gun, cigarettes, lighter, prescription medication, and a power cord.

Through in-depth investigations by Winthrop Harbor Detectives on the above listed incidents, leads were developed that resulted in the execution of a court-authorized search warrant in

the 1100 block of Sheridan Road. While conducting the search Officers and Detectives recovered property associated to the reported burglaries. Continued investigations spanning the next three weeks have resulted in the arrests of **Christopher D. Betts**, 21, of Winthrop Harbor and **Brandon J. Petterec**, 20, of North Chicago. After reviewing the facts of these cases with the Lake County States Attorney's Office, both subjects were charged with Residential Burglary, Burglary from Motor Vehicle, and two counts of Unlawful Possession of a Stolen Vehicle. The Chevrolet Blazer and Toyota Yaris were later recovered and returned to the victims and additional charges are pending. Both subjects were transported to the Lake County Jail pending bond hearings.

On 06/17/2017 Officers were dispatched to the 3000 block of 11th Street related to a report of a stolen motor vehicle. The victim advised they left the keys to their Buick Regal inside of the motor vehicle and it had been unlocked the evening prior to the report and unknown person(s) took their motor vehicle and left in an unknown direction. On 06/20/2017 the Zion Police Department identified the Buick Regal by the motor vehicle registration within the 4000 block of Illinois Route 173. Shortly thereafter, The Zion Police Department arrested two juvenile subjects, ages 16 and 17, both from Beach Park.

On 06/25/2017 Winthrop Harbor Officers were dispatched to the 1400 block of Landon Avenue related to a motor vehicle theft. The victim advised their motor vehicle was left unlocked with the car keys inside, and at some later time unknown person(s) took the motor vehicle and left in an unknown direction. With help from the community, the motor vehicle and a suspect were later located within the 1700 block of Sheridan Road in Zion. The Zion Police Department responded and subsequently arrested one juvenile subject, age 17 from Zion.

Note: Any person charged with an offense has the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Persons named herein are merely alleged to have committed the offense(s) they are accused of.