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### **Armed Robberies:**

On July 26, 2018 at approximately 9:53pm a Winthrop Harbor Police Officer conducting routine patrol observed two male black subjects walking toward the front door of the Shell Gas Station at 901 Sheridan Road. The officer observed that both subjects had attempted to conceal their identity by wrapping t-shirts partially around their heads and one of the subjects was armed with a pistol.

Recognizing the extremely dangerous situation that was developing, the officer immediately radioed his observations, requested assistance, activated his vehicles emergency equipment and drove his vehicle into the gas station parking lot to confront the armed individuals.

Due to the officer's quick action, at extreme danger to himself, the armed offenders did not enter into the Shell Gas station, but instead fled on foot, jumping numerous fences while fleeing from the officer. A perimeter was established with the assistance of the Zion Police Department and a search conducted for the armed offenders. Two persons of interest were located and the handgun was recovered.

On July 27, 2018 at approximately 10:10pm, the Winthrop Harbor Police Department was notified of an armed robber that had just occurred at the BP Gas Station 12720 Sheridan Road Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin. The offender was described as a male black in his early 20's, armed with a black pistol. The offender was last seen fleeing on foot from the BP gas station in a south/west direction, crossing State Line Road, entering into Winthrop Harbor.

Winthrop Harbor Police Officers responded immediately and assisted the Pleasant Prairie and Kenosha County Sheriffs Police Departments in a search for the armed offender. After an exhaustive search, three Winthrop Harbor Police Officers located the offender hiding in a trailer that was parked in a storage yard. The offender was arrested and the handgun was recovered.

On August 12, 2018 at approximately 10:15pm, the Winthrop Harbor Police Department was notified of an armed robbery that had just occurred at the Mobil Gas Station 847 Sheridan Road Winthrop Harbor. The offender was described as a male black, armed with a handgun, last seen fleeing on foot. An extensive search and investigation was initiated, resulting in the offender being captured by the Kenosha Police Department. The offender awaits charges in Illinois.

Through excellent police work by our patrol officers and detective bureau, all of the offenders related to these three incidents have been identified, criminally charged or await charges. The cooperation and cohesive efforts with our law enforcement partners from the Zion, Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha City and Kenosha County Police Departments was instrumental in bring these cases to closure.