

Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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Several Juveniles Charged in Rash of Vehicle Thefts & Burglaries throughout Onondaga County

Onondaga County, New York- The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office reports that over the past 6 months deputies have charged numerous juveniles for breaking into occupied dwellings and stealing vehicles.

Since mid-June, sheriff's deputies have responded to numerous vehicle break-ins throughout Onondaga County. In addition to the vehicle break-ins, several victims reported their vehicles stolen or their homes broken into with the proceeds being the key(s) to their vehicle(s). Deputies and detectives have either recovered the vehicles unoccupied in the City of Syracuse or the suspects have refused to pull over in an attempt to flee from law enforcement. This criminal conduct has kept law enforcement agencies extremely busy and continues to remain on the rise throughout New York State.

Detectives have charged approximately 25 juveniles in connection with these crimes, some being repeat offenders and some as young as 12 years old. Charges consisting of Burglary in the 2nd degree, Grand Larceny in the 4th degree, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle in the 3rd degree, Petit Larceny and Unlawful Fleeing from a Police Officer. The most recent incident occurring on November 8th at the Best Buy Auto Sales & Service in North Syracuse. The two juveniles, which were later identified and apprehended, were observed on the dealership's security cameras, breaking into the dealership and stealing several keys along with a total of 9 vehicles, which they removed from the parking lot throughout the day.

The public is being reminded and asked to secure their homes and vehicles as these types of incidents are crimes of opportunity where the thefts occurred only because the vehicles and/or homes were found unlocked. Remain alert in your neighborhood and report anything unusual or suspicious to the police by calling 911 immediately.

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