

SOUTHSIDE

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Officer chases down suspects in vehicle theft

Daily Journal staff report

Two stolen vehicles from the west side of Indianapolis were recovered after witnesses, including an off-duty police officer, watched several suspects strip one of the vehicles in an apartment parking lot.

The off-duty officer tried to chase down the suspects and borrowed another witness's truck to follow them.

Kris Ivan Long, 24, 4332 Madden Lane, Beech Grove; Michael Brooks, 20, 1068 Rita Lane, Greenwood; Zachary L. Carroll, 21, 5903 Granner Drive, Indianapolis; and Joshua D. Hooten, 21, 6321 Renee Drive, Indianapolis, were each arrested on two charges of theft and two charges of auto theft Saturday morning.

A witness called police when he woke up about 5 a.m. to the sound of the tires being removed from a 1998 Ford Expedition at the Devonshire Apartments in Greenwood, officer Max Maxfield said.

Meanwhile, another witness, an off-duty deputy from Decatur County, heard what was happening and stepped outside. The suspects saw the witnesses and left in a truck and a car, Maxfield said.

The sport utility vehicle was stolen, he said.

So was the Ford truck that the four suspects used to transport the tires, seats, dash and radio that had been stripped from the SUV, Maxfield said.

The deputy, who did not have keys to his car, asked one of the witnesses for his vehicle when he saw the suspects leaving.

"He showed him his badge and his gun and asked him for his keys, just like in the old days," Maxfield said.

The officer pulled out onto State Road 135 but was unable to locate the suspects' vehicles, Maxfield said.

"It was 5 a.m., and he looked

ON THE RECORD

Police/fire

Franklin Burglary

500 block of East King Street: A resident reported that someone broke into her home between 4 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 a.m. Sunday. Several items were moved or scattered on the floor, and drawers and cabinets were open. Numerous items including televisions, a video game system, about 200 to 300 DVDs, a digital camera, laptop and desktop computers, jewelry, about 40 to 50 CDs, power tools and electronics equipment were stolen from the home.

Thefts

• 2600 block of Traditions Court: A resident reported that someone stole her purse and a DVD player from her vehicle between 1 and 10 a.m. Saturday.

• 100 block of East Jefferson Street: A woman reported that a red park bench was stolen from behind a building between 6 p.m. Friday and 8:27 a.m. Saturday. She told police this was part of ongoing crime behind the building. Several other items had been damaged or stolen.

Criminal mischief

• 2100 Dakota Drive: A woman reported that someone egged her daughter's car about 2 a.m. Sunday. She told police that she had obtained digital video of the incident from a neighbor and recognized the vehicle involved. She planned to contact the person before further involving police.

• 1200 block of Park Avenue: A resident reported that someone drove through her yard and possibly damaged her sprinkler system between 1 a.m. and 3:40 p.m. Monday.

• 600 block of Yandes Street: A resident reported that someone broke a taillight on her van while it was parked in her driveway.

Personal-injury accident

4:20 p.m. Sunday — U.S. 31 at the entrance to Wal-Mart: Kaili D. Whitcomb, 17, Franklin; Kimberly R. Osborne, 47, Nineveh. Osborne complained of back pain.

Property-damage accidents

• 4:05 p.m. Monday — U.S. 31 and Cedar Lane

• 10:56 a.m. Monday — Hurricane Road and Cedarmill Drive

• 10 p.m. Saturday — U.S. 31 and Simon Road

• 5:27 p.m. Saturday — Franklin Lakes Boulevard and Lake Shore Drive

• 6:33 p.m. Friday — State Road 44 East

Greenwood Thefts

• Road Ranger parking lot, 1601 E. Main St.: A truck driver reported that a trailer containing 38,000 pounds of cheese products was stolen from the lot between 8:30 and 9:50 p.m. Monday. Franklin police later reported that they had located a truck matching the description and carrying the same cargo.

• Greenwood Village Manor, 295 Village Lane: An employee reported that someone stole \$500 from her purse while it was under her desk between 7 and 11:30 a.m. Monday.

• 1100 block of Stonehedge East Drive: A man reported at 1:11 p.m. Monday that someone stole stereo equipment from his vehicle.

• 900 block of Rolling Hill Road: A man reported that someone stole items from the back of his truck between 11 p.m. Sunday and 6 a.m. Monday.

• Combs Chiropractic Clinic, 1000 N. State Road 135: A patient reported that she left her purse in the waiting room while she was being treated. When she returned to the waiting room, the purse was gone. A staff member saw another patient carry the purse out when she left. Police contacted the other patient, who eventually admitted to taking the purse. Officers found the purse in the woman's vehicle. She was issued a summons to appear in court on a charge of criminal conversion.

Shoplifting

• Macy's, 1251 U.S. 31 North: A loss-prevention officer reported at 7:04 p.m. Monday that a woman attempted to steal \$247 worth of merchandise from the store. The woman was arrested on a charge of theft and transported to the jail.

• Kohl's, 550 Fry Road: A loss-prevention officer reported at 6:44 p.m. Monday that a woman entered the store and grabbed several clothing items. She then stuffed the clothing under her jacket and

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left and right for tail lights," he said.

That's when a Johnson County deputy joined the chase, he said.

The officer spotted the car the witnesses had described and the truck with the tires and other parts in it parked in a driveway on Rita Lane.

A piece of a jack from the scene where the Expedition was left was in the bed of the truck, and the keys to the SUV were in a pocket of one of the suspects, he said.

FRANKLIN

Woman arrested for drug sale, police say

A Franklin woman sold dozens of prescription antibiotics and drugs to treat anxiety out of her home, police said.

Deena Coryell, 28, 2041 E. Benjamin St., Apt. 1, Franklin, was arrested Friday on two charges of dealing in a controlled substance.

Police say that in April she sold an acquaintance 10 pills that were antibiotics, 24 tablets of Ritalin and two doses of a prescription stimulant.

The drugs were sold for \$100, according to a Johnson County Sheriff's Office report.

Coryell had a prescription for one of the drugs.

She told the person she was selling the drugs to that she got some of the drugs from a friend who had much more.

Two children were at home during the drug deal, according to the report.

She is being held at the Johnson County jail on \$100,000 bond.



CORYELL

BRIEFS LOCAL

FRANKLIN

Fire causes \$300,000 in damage to apartments

A Franklin apartment building sustained \$300,000 in damage from a fire that gutted the basement, the fire department spokesman said.

The cause of the blaze Monday night at 149 W. Madison St. has not been determined.

The building housed two apartment units.

While the fire was kept to the basement, smoke filled the apartments, causing more damage.

The building's owner, Jerry Flake, was out of state at the time and has been contacted, fire department spokesman Eddie Daugherty said.

No one was injured in the fire. Two people lived in the apartments and temporarily must stay somewhere else.

Neither occupant had rental insurance, he said.

TRAFALGAR

County road to be closed for repairs

A road near The Apple Works Orchard south of Trafalgar will be closed two days this week while county highway workers replace a collapsing drainage pipe.

County Road 250W, just south of County Road 750S and about three miles south of Trafalgar, will be closed starting Thursday, depending on weather conditions, Johnson County Highway Department senior planner Steve Nibarger said.

Snowy and icy weather could delay the project.

The job should take no more than two days, and workers will reopen the road during the evenings, he said.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Scholarships for women available through fund

The Greenwood Area Charter Chapter of the American Busi-

ness Women's Association is funding two scholarships through the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund.

Each scholarship will be \$2,000 and awarded to women who are citizens of either Johnson or Marion county, will be college students in August.

Students must attend or have been accepted to IUPUI, IUPUC, Purdue University, Ball State University, Marion College, Indiana Wesleyan, Hanover College, Vincennes University, IUPUI, Indiana University, Indiana State University, Franklin College, University of Indianapolis, Butler University or DePauw University.

Recipients must have a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

To receive an application, students should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Greenwood Area Charter Chapter, Luan Deskins, 3106 E. County Road 150S, Franklin IN 46131.

Applications are due by March 30. Winners will be notified in May.

Greenree St., Apt. A, Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$300 bond.

Wesley A. Mathes, 19, 9986 E. Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana/hashish; released on \$1,000 bond.

Vonda R. Polson, 35, 9626 W. Wolf Mountain Road, Gosport; arrested on charges of theft and possession of a controlled substance; held on \$6,000 bond.

Andrea K. Estell, 43, 472 Camby St., Greenwood; arrested on a charge of theft or receiving stolen property; released on \$6,000 bond.

Joseph Wayne Burton, 20 at time of arrest, 2461 W. Lorae Ave., Columbus; arrested on a charge of possession, consumption or transportation of alcohol by a minor; held on \$1,000 bond.

David A. Riddle, 22, 510 Middle Park Drive, Edinburg; arrested on a charge of driving while suspended with a prior conviction; released on \$2,000 bond.

The following people recently were arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and booked into jail:

Walter E. Overstreet, 60, 19 Sawmill Road, Whiteland; released on \$2,000 bond.

Matthew R. Kelly, 19, 2445 W. County Road 550S, Trafalgar; also arrested on a charge of possession of paraphernalia; held on \$3,000 bond.

Rex A. Doom, 59, 945 Walnut Grove Court, Litzon; held on \$2,000 bond.

Meetings

Edinburg

Wright-Hageman library board, 6:30 p.m. today, library, 119 W. Main Cross St.

Planning commission, 6 p.m. Thursday, town hall, 107 S. Holland St.

Board of zoning appeals, 6:15 p.m. Thursday, town hall

School board

Edinburg Community School Corp. Board of Trustees, executive session, 4 p.m. Friday, Indiana School Board Association Office, Indianapolis. On the agenda: Training of school board

members with a consultant; receiving information about employees; job performance evaluation of employees

Minutes

Greenwood City council

On Monday, the council:

- Voted 7-0 to accept a fiscal plan to annex land for Hix Wrecker Service, an auto wrecker business on 8.7 acres on Pushville Road.

- Approved 7-0 expanding the definition of solicitation, which requires a license in Greenwood, to include peddlers, transient merchants and street vendors. The old definition was limited to the solicitation of goods to be delivered later, so it applied only to salespeople.

- Conducted a public hearing on a proposed tax abatement for a real estate agency opening a business park near the Wal-Mart on Emerson Avenue. No council members had questions for representatives of RE/MAX Select, which plans to spend \$4 million to erect a building that will also house a travel agency and mortgage, title and insurance companies.

- Voted 5-2 to cancel the Feb. 5 meeting if no new business is introduced. An ordinance to annex the Hix property may come before the council, but the city attorney is awaiting an amended proposal from the wrecker service's lawyers. If the city hasn't finalized the ordinance by Feb. 1, no meeting will be conducted. Keith Hardin, who voted against the provisional cancellation along with Bruce Armstrong, said the council should find some business, perhaps inviting the economic development commission to make a report.

- Asked for an in-house survey to determine how much spam clogs up e-mail inboxes on city computers. The city is considering spending \$5,000 to block spam, including installing spam-filter software on individual computers. Council members said they wanted to know the extent of the problem before purchasing hardware that requires annual maintenance fees and may be obsolete in a few years.

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