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Reference: Stolen Vehicle Investigation

Oak Grove Loop – Lyon County

On December 31, 2019 around 11am, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office received a stolen vehicle report from a resident in Northern Lyon County. The victim reported a 2018 Jeep Compass stolen from the residence of a family member. Sheriff White responded and took the report, entered the vehicle into the national (NCIC) computer as stolen, and requested dispatch broadcast a BOLO for the stolen vehicle. On the same date around 1pm, the Princeton Police Department located the stolen vehicle in question and detained a 17-year-old juvenile who also possessed the key FOB for the vehicle. Sheriff White traveled to Princeton and recovered the vehicle and juvenile which were taken back to Lyon County.

The resulting investigation revealed a spare key FOB was stolen from the victim on or about 12/26/2019 and the 2018 Jeep Compass was later stolen the same night and driven to McCracken County where it was involved in a hit/run collision before being driven back to Lyon County and returned to the location it was stolen. On or about 12/30/2019, the vehicle and key FOB was again stolen from the same property and driven to Southern Lyon County where it was involved in another hit/run collision before being reported stolen the following day by the victim and recovered in Caldwell County by Princeton PD.

A search of the vehicle revealed suspected marijuana, marijuana liquid, multiple items of drug paraphernalia, legend drugs and Oxycodone. The vehicle sustained over \$2,900.00 worth of damage resulting from the two hit/run collisions. The following offenders have been charged with offenses relating to these incidents:

- (1) 17-year-old male Juvenile; Charged with Theft by Unlawful Taking \$10,000 value or more (2 counts), Theft by Unlawful Taking Under \$500 value (2 counts), and Contempt of Court (2 counts). This Juvenile was lodged in the McCracken County Regional Juvenile Detention Facility.***

- (2) 16-year-old female Juvenile; Charged with Possession of Marijuana, Drug Paraphernalia-Use/Possession, Illegal Possession of a Legend Drug, and Possession of Controlled Substance-1st Degree, 1st Offense. This Juvenile was released to the custody of her mother, pending a Juvenile Court Date.***

Additional charges against this juvenile are pending in McCracken County as it relates to the hit/run collision with property damage in that jurisdiction.

(3) 18-year-old male Adult; Conner B. Richie of Kuttawa; Charged with No Operator's License, Leaving the Scene of an Accident-Failure to Render Aid or Assistance, and Criminal Mischief-1st Degree. Richie was charged on January 5, 2020 and faces an arraignment in Lyon District Court on January 8, 2020.

The investigation is continuing, and more charges could be possible. If anyone has information concerning these crimes, they are asked to contact the Lyon County Sheriff's Office at (270) 388-2311, or at 500 West Dale Avenue, Eddyville, KY or at www.lyonsheriff.com.

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