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CRIME SPREE COMES TO AN END FOR JUVENILES

Yesterday was a prime example that no call is “simple” or “routine.” On July 26, 2023 just after 3:30am, deputies responded to the intersection of Smiths Creek and Range Rd for a report of a single vehicle accident. It was reported that a 2012 Honda Civic had struck a pole and had caused the traffic lights to go down in the intersection.

Soon after arriving, deputies discovered that the driver and passenger had taken off on foot. They quickly located in the area of a nearby school and taken into custody. The suspects are a 17-year-old male of Port Huron and a 16-year-old male of Port Huron Township. While searching the vehicle and suspects, a stolen firearm was recovered, and miscellaneous burglary tools were found as well. On the way to make contact with the owner of the Civic in Kimball Township, a deputy discovered another vehicle in the ditch next door. After making contact at this residence, it was found that their home had been broken into, with the suspects having cut a screen to gain access to the home. A cell phone, keys, money, and medication had been taken. Upon arrival to the registered owner’s home, it was discovered that entry had been gained into her home through a cut screen window as well. It appears that the keys were taken from inside the home and the vehicle was then driven out of the garage by the suspects.

As the investigation progressed, a stolen black Lincoln was found abandoned on westbound I-94, near where that home invasions had taken place. Among the items found on the suspects, was a key fob that unlocked the found Lincoln.

“This group of juveniles poses a great risk to community safety. Violating a person’s right to feel safe in their own home and stealing their things is dangerous, shameful, and shows no regard for others. I am proud of the thorough work of my deputies in getting them off the streets and the continued work that all of the Law Enforcement agencies are doing on this case,” says Sheriff Mat King of the incident.

The two juveniles are currently lodged at the Juvenile Justice Center in Macomb. In total, three stolen vehicles, a stolen firearm, burglary tools, and counterfeit money were recovered. The incident is still ongoing with St. Clair County Sheriff’s deputies and detectives, Port Huron Major Crimes Unit, Port Huron Police Department, and Marysville Police Department investigating.

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