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POLICE ARREST TWO IN LOCAL LARCENY CASE

Two suspects have been arrested and charged in connection to eleven reported thefts

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP, Mich., January 9, 2020 – The Northville Township Police Department launched a “Lock It or Lose It” campaign last summer. While out on patrols, officers would leave a reminder card at homes where an unlocked car, window, house door or open garage door were found. 70% of larcenies in Northville occur with unlocked vehicles. Since June of 2019, officers have found 400 open garage doors during overnight hours while out on patrol.

To add to the statistics, On November 30, 2019 during the morning hours, the Police Department had eleven reported larcenies from automobiles in the Northville Colony Estates neighborhood. All eleven vehicles were found unlocked and personal property was taken, including cell phones, credit cards and a shotgun. The stolen credit cards were used by the suspects shortly after in surrounding communities (Livonia, Novi and Waterford), totaling just under \$400.

The Northville Police Department immediately began an extensive investigation, which led to the identification and arrest of two suspects, Marwin Lee Chambers, Jr. (21) from Pontiac and Ethan Edwin Thompson (22) from Waterford. Both suspects were charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office with Identity Theft, Stealing/Retaining a Financial Transaction Device and Habitual Offenders. Both suspects were arraigned at the 35th District Court. Chambers received a \$5,000 bond and Thompson received a \$10,000 bond. The preliminary exam was scheduled for December 27th at the 35th District Court.

For more information about the **Lock it or Lose it** initiative the Northville Township Police Department is actively working on to help deter thefts from vehicles and homes, please contact Northville Township Police Chief, Paul Tennies, at **248.662.0455** or visit **twp.northville.mi.us**.

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