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Juvenile's Arrested In Early Morning Crime Spree

Thibodaux Chief of Police Bryan Zeringue announced the arrest of two juveniles, who were involved in multiple vehicle burglaries and bicycle thefts, during an early morning crime spree.

Shortly after 1:00 a.m. on Wednesday June 12, 2019, Officers of the Thibodaux Police Department responded to the 600 block of Percy Brown Road, where witnesses reported seeing 6 to 10 Juveniles on bicycles wearing hoodies and back packs. The subjects in question were seen with flash lights trying to open car doors at an apartment complex. Once arriving to the area, three of the juveniles were seen riding bicycles in the 300 block of Percy Brown Road with no lights illuminated on the bicycles.

As officers initiated their emergency lights and sirens to stop the individuals, they entered a yard in the 300 block of Percy Brown, where they discarded the bicycles and attempted to flee on foot from police. Two out of the three juveniles were caught and detained (12yo B/M) & (17yo B/M). The 12yo had a shirt wrapped around his head area for concealment, while also being in possession of a stolen .45 Caliber Kimber Handgun.

Officers recovered a total of 6 bicycles scattered throughout the yard, which were all confiscated. Thibodaux Police have learned through further investigation that three of the bicycles so far have been confirmed to be stolen during the nighttime hours from nearby residences and several vehicles were successfully broken into. The 12yo Juveniles mother was also charged with Improper Supervision of a Minor.

The 12yo was arrested and charged with Simple Burglary, Resisting an Officer, No Front Lamp, Rear Lamp and Improper Use of a Bicycle, Illegal Possession of a Stolen Firearm, and Illegal Possession of a Handgun by a Juvenile. The subject was booked and transported to the Lafourche Parish Juvenile Justice Center, where he remains.

The 17yo was arrested and booked on the charges of Simple Burglary, Resisting an Officer, No Front Lamp, Rear Lamp and Improper Use of a Bicycle. The subject was later released back to his mother.



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Chief Zeringue would like to again remind all Parents and Guardians of the City of Thibodaux's minor curfew ordinance. This ordinance applies to all subjects 16 years of age and younger and will be strictly enforced.

ORDINANCE NO. 7-2002 (CURFEW FOR MINORS – OFFENSES)

- (a) A minor may not remain in a public place or on the premises of an establishment between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., except on Friday and Saturday nights, when the hours shall begin at 11:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 a.m.

Summertime has a history of seeing in an influx in crime. These patterns seem to be continuing as rise in burglaries and thefts inside the city, ranging from residential, business and vehicles are being seen. Chief Zeringue is urging our community partners to ensure all property and vehicles are locked and secured when left unattended.

Chief Zeringue hopes by all citizens taking steps to implement burglary prevention and reporting suspicious subjects seen throughout City of Thibodaux, this will reduce the opportunities of innocent citizens to become victims to any type of burglary or theft. If you see anything suspicious or out the ordinary, please contact the Thibodaux Police Department at (985) 446-5021 or dial 9-1-1 in case of an emergency. "Locking your vehicles can go a long way in the protection of your property," said Chief Zeringue. "Many burglars are looking for unlocked, easy targets." Be sure to pick up and lock up all valuables and movables on your property.

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