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Suspects Identified in Series of Stolen Vehicles

An investigation conducted by the Manassas City Police Department has resulted in the identification of a group of suspects in a series of vehicles stolen from within the City of Manassas. The Manassas City Police Department began receiving the reports of stolen vehicles earlier this year. On April 22, a Manassas City Police officer on patrol observed one of the stolen vehicles in the area of Branchview Lane and Battlefield Drive. The officer had reason to believe that a suspect may still be in the area and a K9 track was initiated which resulted in the identification of one suspect. Further investigation uncovered several juvenile suspects and two adult suspects from the City of Manassas and Falls Church. Seven stolen vehicles have been recovered over the course of the investigation. Currently, two adults are wanted for charges related to these cases. Manuel MENDEZ, an 18-year-old resident of Manassas, is charged with unlawful entry. Jose GUZMAN, a 19-year-old resident of Manassas, is charged with possession of stolen property, three counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and driving on a revoked license. Both suspects are wanted for these charges at this time. Two juvenile suspects are charged with grand larceny, destruction of property, and possession of stolen property. Charges on additional suspects are pending.

This investigation is a result of the combined effort of department detectives, patrol officers, crime analyst, and K9 Bane. The Manassas City Police Department would also like to thank the citizens who provided tips on these cases. We are thankful for the great relationship we have with our community. Anyone with additional information on these cases is asked to contact Detective L. Armas at LArmas@manassasva.gov or by phone at (703) 257-8047.

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