



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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#### OFFICERS ARREST THREE FOR ATTEMPTED AUTO BURGLARIES

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – May 26, 2021 – On Sunday, May 23, 2021 at approximately 4:00 am, officers were dispatched to the area of Lynman St and Lawson St. A caller advised that three males appeared to be attempting to break into motor vehicles.

Although officers reached the area rather quickly, they were unable to locate subjects that fit the given description in the area. They then went to nearby Madison Townhomes to check for them. One of the officers observed a man standing by a van. The man ran off when he noticed the officer.

As two officers chased the male, they encountered another male standing next to a different vehicle. As they were dealing with that subject, a vehicle (driven by a third man) began backing out of a nearby parking spot. When the vehicle struck one of the officers, they ordered the driver to stop.

The officer who was struck by the vehicle appeared to suffer no injuries from the incident.

Officers on scene were eventually able to take all three suspects into custody. After investigating the incident, they charged the following subjects and delivered them to the McMinn County Jail:

James Polk, 26 years of age:

TCA 39-14- 402 Burglary

TCA 39-14-103 Theft

TCA 39-13-116 Assault Against a First Responder

Jamal Norman, 18 years of age:

TCA 39-14-402 Burglary

Alfred Boyd, 20 years of age:

TCA 39-14-402 Burglary

Chief Couch, of the Police Department, said “The Police Department is thankful for the citizens who alerted us to this criminal activity and helped us catch these burglars. We’re even more thankful that our officer wasn’t hurt in this incident. Police officers put their well-being on the line every time they suit up and come to work, and that morning was no exception.”

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