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NEWS RELEASE

Man Arrested for Breaking into Vehicles in Buffalo Grove

Buffalo Grove, IL – In the early morning hours of September 1, 2018, Buffalo Grove Police arrested a man for four (4) charges of criminal trespass to a vehicle.

Jawad H. Hakeem, 43, of Arlington Heights, was located by officers who had saturated the area due to several calls of a suspicious person seen rummaging through vehicles. Hakeem was located on the 300 block of Diane Drive, inside of a vehicle not belonging to him.

Prior to Hakeem's arrest, the Buffalo Grove Police Department had received three calls, beginning at approximately 2:30 a.m. advising police of a man seen inside of their vehicles and in a relative's vehicle, who had left the area once he was noticed.

Due to the prior calls, police officers linked Hakeem to three other vehicles which had been illegally entered. It is believed Hakeem took loose change from each of them; no other items were reported stolen by the vehicle owners. Hakeem's court date is October 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Rolling Meadows Courthouse.

Since September 1 of this year, the Police Department has taken eight reports for burglary to a vehicle, three reports for stolen automobiles, and six reports for criminal trespass to a vehicle. It is important to note that *all* vehicles involved in the above-mentioned calls were found to be **unlocked**.

In several of the reports, victims relayed instances of missing garage door openers, some of which were used in the commission of a crime. A vehicle was stolen from the inside of an attached garage, due to an unlocked vehicle being entered from the driveway that had a garage door opener in it.

"We cannot stress enough, the importance of simply locking your vehicle," said Police Chief Steven Casstevens. "Those committing these crimes are looking to get in and out of a car as quickly as possible without being noticed; locking your doors is an extreme deterrent."

Chief Casstevens added that officers are doing their very best to patrol neighborhoods, but the community's help is needed. Residents are asked to do their part and press the lock button upon exiting their vehicles.

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