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Stolen Vehicle Arrest

Bloomington, IL - The Bloomington Police Department had recently released several advisories in regards to a security issue with Hyundai and Kia vehicles. The BPD Street Crimes Unit (SCU) was tasked with developing a strategy to combat the recent car thefts and associated crimes plaguing the area. Their investigation led to revealing three stolen vehicles, from the Peoria and Bloomington-Normal areas, traveling back and forth between the cities.

On Tuesday, 8/22/2023, at approximately 5:40 p.m., a SCU officer observed an occupied stolen Hyundai sedan. The stolen vehicle stopped in the 1500 block of East College Avenue, in Normal. The driver was seen exiting the vehicle. The suspect saw officers and attempted to flee the area on foot. A BPD officer apprehended the suspect without incident.

An additional stolen Hyundai sedan was recovered in Normal earlier in the day. A third stolen Hyundai sedan was recovered in Bloomington, approximately thirty minutes prior to the previously mentioned arrest. Thank you to the Peoria Police Department and Normal Police Department for your assistance with this investigation.

ARRESTED:

Devin L. Davis, male, 18, of Normal

- Possession of a Stolen Vehicle
- Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer
- Driving with No Valid License

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Chief Jamal Simington stated: "The successful investigative efforts shown in this case reveal the importance of having a unit tasked with focusing on crime trends. We are hopeful this will deter these crimes which have caused significant inconveniences and financial losses to our community members."

This incident is still pending further investigation. Anyone with information should contact Detective Diaz at 309-434-2532 or pdiaz@cityblm.org.

All suspect(s) are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in the court of law.

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If you wish to submit a tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at 309-434-2963, you can also send anonymous tips via your smartphone by texting the number 847411 and the word "BPDTIPS", then a space, followed by your tip information, or email CIAU@cityblm.org.

The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-4:30pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.

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