

# Sauk Prairie Police Department

Press Release

For Immediate Release

## Update regarding the area Burglary investigations

Over the last several weeks the Sauk Prairie Police Department has continued to intensify the investigations surrounding the burglaries in both communities. The Sauk Prairie Police Department would like to keep the Sauk City and Prairie du Sac residents informed of the progress that has been made in the arrest and charging of some of the people involved in the communities' property crimes.

Police department personnel has followed up and interviewed approximately 15 suspects in the burglaries ranging from the ages of 14 to 45 years old. The police department has also been working with several other jurisdictions regarding the networking of information in order to put the suspects behind bars.

The Sauk Prairie Police Department has worked with "Cash for Gold" out of Pompano Beach Florida. The police department has obtained records of local residents who have sent jewelry to "Cash for Gold" as seen on television commercials. This information has assisted the police department in narrowing down the suspect pool to several instead of many.

The investigation continues to be challenging. The Sauk Prairie Police Department's investigators are continually up against the clock. They have been making things happen with very small windows of opportunity. For example, many of these suspects carry cellular phones that have the capability of quick text. They are able to text other suspects the word "COP" when they see an officer in the area where crimes are being committed. Many times as soon as a cell phone is taken into custody by the police department for evidence, there is a small window of time that the police have to either obtain permission to access the phone by the rightful owner or with a search warrant. During this window, many of the teenagers access their phones remotely and begin deleting the messages off before the police can gain access to the evidence on the phone.

Another component to the investigations is that many of the suspects' parents condone the child's behavior. The reason is that many of these parents are cashing in on the stolen items and sharing the income with the family.

The Sauk Prairie Police Department would like to thank the residents for taking the time to call the police for incidents that have taken place.

Sauk Prairie Police Officers have spent time in the Village of Sauk City, following up with a number of teenagers responsible for the burglaries and theft of property from motor vehicles.

As a result of the weeks recent investigations the following suspects have been arrested and charged:

**1) Colin J. Marquardt 18, Mazomanie, was charged with the following:**

**COUNT 1,2,3,4: IDENTITY THEFT – FINANCIAL GAIN – PTAC,  
AS A PARTY TO A CRIME**

Mr. Marquardt intentionally used personal identifying information or personal identification documents, debit card to obtain goods without the individual's authorization or consent by representing that he was the individual or was acting with the authorization or consent of the individual, contrary to sec. 943.201(2)(a), 939.50(3)(h), 939.05 Wis. Stats., a Class H Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more that Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than six years, or both.

**COUNT 5: MISDEMEANOR BAIL JUMPING**

Mr. Marquardt did intentionally fail to comply with the terms of his bond, contrary to sec. 946.49(1)(a), 939.51(3)(a) Wis. Stats., a Class A Misdemeanor, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than nine (9) months, or both.

**2) Joshua D. Killerlain, 20, Dane, was charged with the following:**

**COUNT 1,2,3,4: IDENTITY THEFT - FINANCIAL GAIN**

Mr. Killerlain did intentionally use personal identifying information or personal identification documents, a debit card, to obtain goods without the individuals authorization or consent by representing that he was the individual or was acting with the authorization or consent of the individual, contrary to sec. 943.201 (2)(a), 939.50(3)(h) Wis. Stats., a Class H Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more that Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than six years, or both.

**3) 14 year old male juvenile, Sauk City, referred to the Sauk County Department of human Services for a charge of: IDENTITY THEFT – PARTY TO A CRIME.**

- 4) 15 year old male juvenile, Sauk City, referred to the Sauk County Department of human Services for a charge of: IDENTITY THEFT – PARTY TO A CRIME.**

Please report all suspicious activity by contacting the Sauk Prairie Police Department at 1-800-377-1195. If you have any information regarding the above crimes you may remain anonymous by contacting the Sauk County Crime Stoppers at 1-888-TIP-SAUK.

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