

Decatur Police Report: Week of April 6th 2015
From Sgt. Jennifer Ross

We have had a busy 24 hours and wanted to make everyone aware of some recent arrests. Note that in two of these cases someone saw something and immediately called us and provided information that led to these arrests.

On 04/08/2015 at approximately 2:00 pm, Officer Alexander and Sgt. Canipe responded to an entering auto that just occurred in the 400 block of North McDonough Street. A witness reported observing two young black males break into a black Range Rover, remove a book bag and further stated the suspects were now standing near the gazebo on the square. Sgt. Canipe located the suspects near the gazebo and as she explained why she was speaking with them, both males ran. Sgt. Canipe pursued the suspect carrying the stolen backpack inside of the Decatur Marta station and down onto one of the platforms. Sgt. Canipe witnessed the suspect put the backpack into a trashcan and run back upstairs where he was caught by Officer Alexander and Officer Vots. Officers located a screwdriver in the suspect's right front pant's pocket. Officer Alexander met with the victim at his vehicle and observed pry marks on the rear passenger window frame consistent with a screwdriver. Sgt. Canipe recovered the backpack and all of the victim's property from the trashcan. The suspect, a 15-year-old male from Atlanta, was charged with entering auto and possession of tools for the commission of a crime. The second suspect was not located.

On 04/08/2015 at approximately 9:13 pm, Officer Lindsey observed a male standing near a vehicle parked on East Howard Avenue near Hillyer Place with an object in his hand. Due to recent entering autos on that street, Officer Lindsey continued observing and saw the male stop at another vehicle then change directions. Officer Nembheard responded to the area and officers made contact with the male who claimed to be walking from a nearby restaurant. Officer Lindsey examined the first vehicle he saw the male standing near and observed marks and several cracks on the lower left front passenger window. The suspect was detained and the owner of the vehicle located. The owner of the vehicle advised the window had not been damaged when he parked. The suspect was in possession of a unique tool with eight points on the tip that matched the marks on the damaged window. The suspect, identified as 19-year-old Timothy Bolton of Atlanta, was charged with criminal attempt to commit entering auto, loitering or prowling and possession of tools for the commission of a crime.

On 04/09/2015 at approximately 10:55 am, Officer Copeland responded to a burglary in progress in the 300 block of East Lake Drive. The complainant reported he heard glass shatter and looked outside and observed two young black males standing next to a broken window at his neighbor's house. The witness banged his hand on the window to let the suspects know they were being watched and the suspects ran after seeing him. The witness provided descriptive information about the suspects. At approximately 11:00 am, Officer Alexander observed two males matching the descriptions walking in the area of Oakview Road and Maxwell Street. Upon seeing the officer, both males ran behind a nearby house. A foot chase ensued between the backyards and wooded area between Maxwell Street and the 1300 block of Oakview

Road. Officer Copeland located and arrested one suspect, identified as 17-year-old Brandon Austin Holbrook of Decatur, hiding behind a hot tub in the 200 block of Maxwell Street. The second suspect, identified as 18-year-old Alex Pelt of Decatur, was caught and arrested by Officer Alexander while trying to climb a fence behind an apartment complex in the 1300 block of Oakview Road. Both suspects were charged with criminal attempt to commit burglary in the 1st degree and misdemeanor obstruction of an officer.