

PRESS RELEASE

The City of Oakwood 30 Park Avenue Oakwood, Ohio 45419

Subject: Oakwood Safety Department identifies additional suspects in recent thefts

Date: August 28, 2020

OAKWOOD, OHIO:

The Oakwood Public Safety Department has identified additional suspects responsible for a recent string of yard sign and flag thefts.

On Thursday evening, August 27, 2020, an officer encountered three juvenile males on bicycles, and recognized them from security camera footage obtained by detectives investigating sign and flag thefts that occurred on August 22, 2020. The three juveniles were questioned and confessed to at least ten thefts occurring on that date. Two of the juveniles are former Dayton residents living in Jamestown, and one is a Dayton resident.

Earlier in the day on August 27, the Oakwood Public Safety Department had identified two Kettering juveniles who confessed to stealing signs from at least four Oakwood properties.

"This is a great example of the dedication that Oakwood officers have to this community. These thefts were investigated; two groups involved were promptly identified; and the cases are being prepared for prosecution," said Chief Alan Hill. "Our residents can be confident that the men and women of this department will thoroughly investigate all criminal activity to ensure that Oakwood remains a very safe place to live and work."

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