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A Busy Weekend Ends up Favorable for Law Enforcement

The old phrase, "crime doesn't pay" shows to hold true when a weekend full of criminal activity lands several criminals behind bars.

In the early morning hours, on December 08, 2005, Officer Johnny Freeman responded to the area of 900 East Main Street in regards to an indecent exposure. The complainant, a 29 you female, advised officers that she was inside of her vehicle at the traffic light located at Main Street @ Willow, when a red Pontiac firebird pulled beside her. She stated that the vehicle was occupied by one Hispanic male. As the complainant looked towards the direction of the vehicle, she noticed the subject was looking at her as he began to expose his genitals for self gratification.

Based on the vehicle description provided to the Tomball Police Department, officers were able to locate the vehicle and obtain a positive identification of the subject involved. Alejandra Zuniga, 29 yoa, of Pinehurst, has been charged with Public Lewdness in association with this incident.

In a similar incident, on December 11, 2005 at approximately 2:17pm, Officer Anthony Young responded to the 14000 blk of FM 2920, Tomball Town Center, in reference to a subject exposing himself to a juvenile female. Upon arrival, the complainant, a 13 yoa female, advised officers that she was seated in her vehicle, awaiting her fathers return. She stated that a teal green older model compact car pulled up beside her. The sole occupant of the vehicle was described as a black male, light toned, with a tight hair cut. The suspect exited his vehicle and walked around the area. After slight hesitation, the suspect entered the passenger side of his vehicle, placing himself in plain view of the complainant. The suspect began to sexually gratify himself as he exposed his genitals and anus to the female. The suspect immediately left the scene when the complainant's father returned to the vehicle.

Approximately five hours later, Officer Anthony Young located the suspect vehicle in the parking lot of Luby's Cafeteria. The vehicle was occupied by a black male fitting the description given by the complainant. After a brief investigation, the occupant of the vehicle, Ervin Ranard Jones, 50 yoa, of Magnolia, was positively identified by the complainant. The subject is now in Harris County Jail, charged with Indecent Exposure to a Child, which a felony in the State of Texas.

Tomball Police Officers also immediately cleared a stolen vehicle case, when Officer Craig Davis and Sergeant Keith Bitz responded to a suspicious vehicle call at 1100 S. Cherry Street, Dartford Square Apartments. On December 11, 2005 at approximately 4:30am, officers located the described vehicle, a newer model, silver in color, dodge pick-up truck backed into a parking spot besides the multi-family housing.

After running the license plate displayed on the vehicle, officers on the scene were advised that Houston Police Department was still at the scene taking a stolen vehicle report on the vehicle. Acting on the information provided, officers immediately approached the vehicle and detained both black male occupants. Further investigation revealed that the steering column of the truck had been broken and officers located a screwdriver on the floorboard of the vehicle. Officers also located (2) ski mask, as well as a bb handgun. Both actors arrested at the scene were juveniles out of Houston, TX. The juveniles were charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and transported to the Juvenile Detention Center. Tomball Police Department located the occupied stolen vehicle approximately ½ hour after the vehicle had been reported stolen.

Tomball Police Officers also clear a Burglary of a Motor Vehicle case reported to Harris County Precinct #4, when Officer Gorman stopped a 1999 Saturn passenger car due to suspicious activity.

Officer Gorman responded to the 1400 blk of Graham Drive in regards to a suspicious black male looking into parked vehicles in the parking lot of The Heritage assisted living facility. Upon arrival, Officer Gorman was advised that the suspect had just left the area in a white passenger car. Officer Gorman located the suspect vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle, Cedric Smith, 28 yoa, of Huntsville, was taken into custody on a traffic charge due to his inability to produce a valid Texas driver's license.

During further investigation of the traffic stop, officers located several instruments inside of the vehicle that area commonly associated as burglary tools, along with numerous credit cards that did not belong to the occupants of the vehicle.

Upon locating these items, officers contacted the name displayed on the credit cards and were advised by the owner that she had recently been the victim of a vehicle burglary in which her purse had been taken. She advised officers that the incident occurred at a restaurant located off of FM 2920 in Harris County. She did state that the credit cards located in the suspect's vehicle were contents that were inside of her purse when it was stolen. Upon completion of the investigation, Mr. Smith was charged with Burglary of a Motor Vehicle.