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PRESS RELEASE

The DeKalb Police Department had seen an increase in car burglaries over the last several months. A public service announcement was sent out on June 30, 2016 notifying residents to be aware of their surroundings, to keep car doors locked and to place valuables in the trunk of the car. The DeKalb Police Department reached out to Crime Stoppers and the community for their help in solving the car burglaries. The DeKalb Police Department took several proactive measures in attempts to identify and arrest those responsible for breaking into our residents' cars.

On July 25, 2016 at approximately 1:30 a.m., while officers were patrolling for car burglars, an alert officer observed a male walking near Meridian Court and Cutler Drive. As the officer approached the male, he ran from the officer and was not located. Several car burglaries were discovered on Meridian Court. Detectives were called out to process the vehicles that were burglarized.

Several hours later, a male was observed walking southbound on Annie Glidden Road from the area of Meridian Court. That male was found to be in possession of stolen items from one of the car burglaries on Meridian Court. The male subject was arrested and transported to the DeKalb Police Department.

The male was identified as a 17 year old juvenile from DeKalb. The juvenile was charged with a count of residential burglary and burglary to vehicle. It is believed that this juvenile is responsible for approximately 60 separate car burglaries over the last several months. Additional burglary charges are forthcoming. The juvenile was detained at the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center.

The DeKalb Police Department would like to take the time to thank the community for their vigilance in attempting to help identify those responsible for committing these car burglaries.

The investigation into these car burglaries continue. Contact the DeKalb Police Department, Crime Stoppers or iWatch if you have information in regards to anyone committing crimes in DeKalb.

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