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Arrest in Thefts from Vehicles

6:08 AM, Sunday, March 1st, 2009, Lancaster City Police Officers were dispatched to 632 N. Lime St. for a report of a subject breaking into a vehicle. The caller provided a description of a white male wearing a yellow shirt, whom the caller had seen inside of a 1998 blue Volvo sedan. The caller saw this subject exit the Volvo carrying some items. The subject then walked toward the front of 632 N. Lime St. and entered this residence. The caller immediately realized that this person was not the owner of the Volvo, as the caller was familiar with the vehicle's owner.

Officer Jason Drouillard went to 632 N. Lime St. and located Andrew KUBIK W/M/19 inside Apt. 2. Officer Drouillard observed a yellow shirt on the floor of the apartment, as well as a box containing items that were later determined to have been removed from the Volvo. These items included (75) CDs, a toolbox, and miscellaneous papers and clothing (total value approximately \$900.00). The Volvo's owner was contacted and verified that these items had been taken from his car.

KUBIK was arrested and transported to the police station. Officers obtained consent from KUBIK to search his apartment. During this search, numerous items were discovered that appeared to be stolen property.

Detective George Bonilla later interviewed KUBIK. Police also located another witness who had observed a subject breaking into cars in the 600 blk. of N. Lime St. on the morning of February 28th. As a result of this investigation, KUBIK was charged with additional thefts from vehicles, as follow:

1.) On the morning of March 1st, in addition to the Volvo, KUBIK entered a 1995 Jeep Wrangler that had been parked in the 1st blk. of E. Frederick St. and removed a wallet containing \$60.00 cash, a box of .22 caliber bullets, and a wristwatch valued at \$80.00. The center console, soft-top and radio of the Jeep were extensively damaged, estimated repair costs between \$1,500.00 - \$2,000.00.

2.) On the morning of February 28th, 2009, KUBIK entered a 2007 Subaru Outback parked in the 600 blk. N. Lime St. and removed (8) boxes of Kleenex tissues and an ice scraper, total value = \$20.00.

3.) Also on the morning of February 28th, KUBIK entered a 1995 Plymouth Neon parked in the 600 blk. of N. Lime St. and removed a book bag containing numerous CDs, a Kenwood car stereo and a Magellan GPS. The total value of these items is \$3,700.00.



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In all, Andrew W. KUBIK was charged with (4) counts of Theft from a Motor Vehicle and (1) count of Criminal Mischief before Magisterial District Judge Janice Jimenez. KUBIK was arraigned and committed to Lancaster County Prison in lieu of \$70,000.00 bail.

Some of the stolen items have been returned to the victims, but not all of the loot was recovered. All of the victims reported that their vehicles were locked prior to the thefts. Citizens are reminded to always lock their vehicles and not to leave any valuables in an unattended parked car. This incident also serves as a reminder of how important it is for citizens to be alert to suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. If not for the quick and vigilant actions of the caller, who was obviously familiar with his or her neighbors, this criminal would likely not have been caught and would likely have continued to commit more thefts.

This investigation is continuing as Det. Bonilla is attempting to determine if any of the items located in KUBIK's apartment are related to any recent thefts. Anyone who had their car broken into recently, especially in the northeast area of Lancaster City, is urged to report this to the Lancaster City Police if they have not already done so.

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