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Re: Investigation into String of Vehicle Burglaries lead to Arrest of Teen Brothers

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On the evening of 08-17-18, numerous Vehicle Burglaries, including an Armed Vehicle Burglary, occurred in the area of Berkley Manor in Spring Hill.

On 08-18-18, District 2 detectives were able to obtain video surveillance of the individual possibly responsible for committing the seven vehicle burglaries.

Detectives were able to identify the individual seen in the video as **Gabe Munoz, H/M DOB/09-22-2005**.

Detectives made contact with Gabe at a local middle school.

Upon seeing the video, Gabe admitted to entering several vehicles in the area of Bing Avenue and Pagoda Drive. Initially, Gabe told detectives he was just looking and didn't steal anything from any of the vehicles.

Gabe eventually told detectives he did remove a black zippered case from one vehicle.

He said he was unaware it was a firearm until he arrived back home.

Not wanting to get in trouble, Gabe said he gave the firearm to his brother, **Shawn Munoz, H/M DOB/07-01-2003**. Gabe then told detectives his brother proceeded to trade the firearm to another teenager for a watch.

Gabe Munoz was arrested on seven counts of **Conveyance Burglary** and one count of **Armed Burglary to a Conveyance**.

During questioning, Shawn initially denied ever having possession of the firearm, or trading it for a watch.

Detectives then made contact with a 15-year-old male who was believed to be in possession of the stolen firearm.

The teen initially denied having possession of the firearm. However, minutes later he told detectives the firearm was located under his bed.

The teen told detectives he was unaware the firearm was stolen when he made the trade with Shawn for the watch.

Upon recovering the stolen firearm, detectives arrested Shawn Munoz on a charge of **Dealing in Stolen Property**.

Charges against the third individual are pending further investigation.