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News Release

Arkansas City men arrested in connection with vehicle burglaries

Joseph, Marcus Peters also accused of criminal damage, financial card fraud

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (December 12, 2016) — Two Arkansas City men were arrested Friday by the Arkansas City Police Department in connection with multiple vehicle burglaries and thefts in Ark City.

Joseph DeWayne Peters, 29, and Marcus Franklin Peters, 27, were arrested on suspicion of three counts of burglary, two counts of criminal damage to property, one count of criminal use of a financial card, one count of possession of stolen property and four counts of theft each.

Both men were transported to and booked into the Cowley County Jail in Winfield in lieu of \$20,000 bond through Cowley County District Court in Arkansas City.

Both Joseph and Marcus Peters remained in custody at the time of this release.

A defendant's guilt or innocence is to be determined by a court of law.

Officers responded Friday to a report of vehicles that had been burglarized in 100 block of North Fifth Street. They found two vehicles with broken windows from which items inside had been removed.

Another report was filed later that day that did not involve forced entry into the motor vehicle.

During the investigation, police learned the suspects had used a debit card from one of the burglaries at a local convenience store and also had withdrawn money from a bank with it.

Officers obtained and reviewed surveillance footage from one of those locations. They also began patrolling an area of North Fifth Street while attempting to identify the suspects.

They observed a female trying to enter the second apartment at 421 N. Fifth St. They learned the residents were working on their front door, but the information gleaned from the conversation indicated one of the tenants possibly could be tied to the use of the stolen card to withdraw money from the bank.

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A check for active warrants revealed that Joseph Peters had a warrant for his arrest through Arkansas City Municipal Court. Inside, Marcus Peters was found in possession of stolen property.

Police applied for and were granted a search warrant through Cowley County District Court.

During a search of the apartment, additional items of evidence were located and recovered in connection with the current cases, as well as other cases spanning from Arkansas City to Wichita.

Those cases remain under investigation and anyone with further information about them is asked to call Arkansas City Police Department Lt. Eric Burr at (620) 441-4444.

Those wishing to remain anonymous may contact Cowley County Crime Stoppers, which offers rewards of up to \$2,000 for information leading to an arrest.

Call (620) 442-7777 in Ark City or (620) 221-7777 in Winfield, or visit www.tipsubmit.com to make an anonymous report. An anonymous tip also can be submitted by texting ACTIPS to 847411.

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