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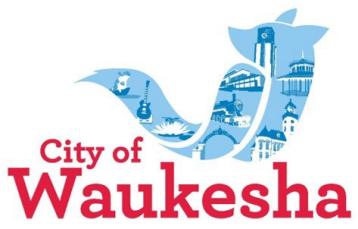
Felony Retail Theft/Vehicle Pursuit

801 E. Sunset Dr., City of Waukesha

WAUKESHA, Wis. – Officers responded to Meijer at about 1450 on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, for a report of several subjects in the store loading a garbage bag and tote with numerous over the counter medicines. The subjects fled Meijer without paying for the merchandise. Officers quickly arrived at the store and observed the suspect vehicle leaving the parking lot. While in the parking lot a Sergeant was attempting to catch up to the vehicle when he was struck by an uninvolved vehicle. The Sergeant was not injured. A second officer followed the vehicle southbound on Tenny Ave and attempted to stop it. The vehicle accelerated and a pursuit was initiated. The pursuit traveled 3.8 miles eventually traveling eastbound on Lawnsdale Ave in the Village of Waukesha and was stopped by a train that was traveling northbound. The vehicle traveled southbound along the railroad tracks and into a field becoming stuck in mud and water. There were four adult occupants in the vehicle. The first subject to exit the vehicle was uncooperative with Officers and a Police K9 was deployed. The Police K9 apprehended the subject. The subject was taken into custody with no further issues. The remaining three occupants were taken into custody without incident.

We believe this to be an organized retail theft crime group from Illinois. All four subjects have home addresses listing to Chicago, IL. Items were in the vehicle that were consistent with what was stolen from Meijer. The subject that was apprehended by the Police K9 was transported to the hospital for medical treatment and once medically cleared will be transported to the Waukesha County Jail. The remaining three subjects were transported to the Waukesha County Jail.

We would like to thank the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office and the Village of Waukesha Fire Department for their assistance during this incident.



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