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Detectives Arrest Four in String of Car Break-Ins

Since the beginning of August, the Union County Sheriff's Office has investigated over one hundred car break-ins where various items were stolen, at night from unlocked cars. The overwhelming majority of these break-ins were concentrated in the Weddington, Indian Trail, and Mineral Springs areas of the county.

Through consistent investigative efforts and the public's help, four suspects were developed and subsequently arrested for these crimes. Total losses from the break-ins exceeded \$60,000, and the investigation remains open pending the recovery of additional stolen property. Arrested pursuant to this investigation: Devontae Erickson (18), Shaishatta Watkins (19), Deangelo Bell (21) and Jonathan Crowder (18).

Sheriff Eddie Cathey praised the diligent investigative work by deputies, and again encouraged citizens to help prevent these crimes before they happen. The Sheriff stated "In virtually all of these offenses, the thieves targeted unlocked cars with valuables left in them. With the holidays quickly approaching, it is even more important to take that extra second to properly secure valuables and also to lock your vehicle".

Erickson, Watkins, and Bell have been charged with 107 counts of Felony Breaking and Entering a Motor Vehicle and are being held under an \$80,000 secured bond. Crowder has been charged with 70 counts of Felony Breaking and Entering of a Motor Vehicle, and is being held under a \$37,500 secured bond. The four are scheduled to make their initial court appearance October 6, 2015.



Davontae Steven Erickson
705 Engleside St.
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Shaishatta Monice Watkins
2159 Commerce Dr.
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Deangelo Steven Bell
2661 Nelda Dr.
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Jonathan Isiah Crowder
2236 Walters Division Rd.
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For additional information please contact Lieutenant Kevin James, 704-283-3722

Citizens with information concerning criminal activity are encouraged to call:

Union County Sheriff's Office at 704-283-3789

Or

Union County Crimestoppers at 704-283-5600
