

Facebook Tip Leads to Arrest in Thefts from Vehicles in South Dover Area

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Dover, DE- Delaware State Police Detectives have arrested a Magnolia man in connection with numerous thefts from vehicles that occurred in developments off South State Street and South Old Mill Road .

Troopers began their investigation on Saturday May 28, 2016, after numerous incidents of car break-ins were being reported in the Stone Ridge Development and Bradys Lane, south of Dover. In most of the incidents, the vehicles were left unlocked and the suspect removed various items of cash and personal belongings before fleeing the area.

Detectives from Troop 3 received images from a video surveillance camera located at a residence in the area of the incidents and that photo along with information surrounding the crimes was sent out through the social media platforms of Facebook and Nextdoor. Within a few hours, an anonymous tip was received from a Facebook user identifying the subject depicted in the photo as **Antonio Powell**, 27 of Magnolia.

Detectives began searching for Powell in the Magnolia area and observed him traveling as a passenger in a vehicle leaving a residence on Walnut Shade Road. Upon conducting a traffic stop on the vehicle, Powell provided false information to the detective who had already arrested him in the beginning of May for thefts from vehicles in the Rising Sun area.

Antonio Powell was subsequently taken into custody without

incident and transported back to Troop 3 in Camden. He was charged with nine counts of Theft under \$1500, four counts of Attempted Theft under \$1500, twelve counts of Criminal Trespass 3rd, and Criminal Impersonation. He was arraigned at JP2 and committed to James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on \$9,100.00 cash bond.

Troopers are continuing their investigation into these incidents and additional charges may be forthcoming.

The Delaware State Police want to remind people to utilize the following tips:

- Lock your car doors and roll up you windows
- Do not leave valuables inside your vehicle
- Leave outdoor lights on in the driveway or have security lighting installed
- Report any suspicious activity to 9-1-1

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