

Troopers Conducting Criminal Investigation – Update #2



I'Zaya Radke

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Wilmington (19804) – Delaware State Police have arrested a 15-year-old Wilmington youth and charged him with multiple crimes following a burglary investigation.

The investigation began on Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at

approximately 4:30 a.m., after troopers responded to the C.A.R. Shop, located at 2205 Mitch Road, following an alarm activation. Upon their arrival, troopers observed five subjects flee from the business and gave chase on foot. Four of the subjects were able to escape, however, a 15-year-old Philadelphia male was located and apprehended a short distance away after falling off a wall and injuring his leg. The male suspect was transported from the scene by ambulance to the Christiana Hospital, where he was admitted for his non-life threatening injuries.

As the investigation continued, it was discovered that the suspects had smashed the front window of the C.A.R. Shop and gained entry into the business. The suspects then removed 18-20 sets of vehicle keys from inside. It was later discovered that a red Hyundai Tiburon, which was found parked in front of the business had been stolen from Juarez Auto Repair, located at 2209 Mitch Road. Troopers also located the vehicle keys, which had been stolen from the C.A.R. Shop, inside of the Hyundai. Further investigation revealed that the suspects had also attempted to steal a Nissan Sentra, which was also parked near the businesses.

On Wednesday, August 9, 2017, troopers again responded to the C.A.R. Shop for a second burglary to the business. The suspects gained entry to the business by breaking through a sheet of wood that had been placed over the window which had been broken the morning before. The suspects proceeded to remove a lock box containing vehicle keys, cash, and a business credit card from the business. They then proceeded to steal a red 2009 VW Jetta and black 2007 Nissan Murano belonging to customers of the business.

At approximately 1:30 p.m., a Delaware State Police detective, who was conducting a follow-up investigation and canvas of the area, observed the stolen black Nissan Murano parked on Fenwick Avenue, in the Kiamensi Gardens development. A 15-year-old Marshallton male, and lone occupant of the car, was

taken into custody without incident. It was learned that prior to the discovery of the car, a second occupant of the vehicle, identified as I'Zaya Radke, had exited the car and had responded to his home located on Stanton Road. Responding troopers then secured the perimeter of the home. A short time later, I'Zaya Radke's mother arrived at the residence and advised troopers of his current location. Radke was then taken into custody at a local business without incident.

A search warrant of the home was then executed at which time detectives located evidence linking I'Zaya Radke to the burglaries and car thefts. Further investigation revealed that Radke was also responsible for an attempted burglary of Major Motors, located at 2010 Mitch Road, which had occurred at approximately 9:00 p.m. on Monday, August 7, 2017.

Radke was subsequently transported to Troop 2 where he was arrested and charged with 2 counts of Burglary 3rd Degree, 4 counts of Criminal Mischief, 3 counts of Conspiracy 2nd degree, Theft, 2 counts of Attempted Burglary 3rd Degree, Theft of a Motor Vehicle, and Attempted Theft of a Motor Vehicle. He was arraigned at JP Court 11 and committed to the New Castle County Detention Center in default of \$25,500.00 secured bail.

The investigation into these incidents is continuing and more arrests are expected. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Detective Bridget Harris at Troop 2 at 302-365-8410. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>.

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