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Case No. 11-19467

On November 29, 2011, at approximately 4:00 a.m., Portage Department of Public Safety officers responded to the 600 block of Mall Drive for a report of three suspicious subjects looking into parked cars.

Upon arriving at the scene, a 1996 Buick station wagon, occupied by three subjects matching the description of the suspicious subjects, was observed leaving the area at a high rate of speed. Portage Department of Public Safety officers attempted to stop the vehicle; however, it failed to yield and began to flee northbound on S. Westnedge Avenue, traveling at approximately 50 m.p.h. The fleeing vehicle then proceeded westbound on W. Milham Avenue and continued to the area of Portage Northern High School on Idaho Street, at which time all three subjects exited the vehicle and fled on foot.

A Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department K-9 responded, along with additional officers from the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety. All three suspects were located and taken into custody. It was discovered that the vehicle had been stolen from the 2000 block of Indian Road in the City of Portage, and that the suspects were attempting to break into other vehicles in the area when officers encountered them. The suspect driver, who was 15 years old, was charged with stealing the vehicle, fleeing and eluding, and resisting and obstructing.

The 15- and 16-year-old passengers were both charged with resisting and obstructing. All three suspects are currently being held at the Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Portage Department of Public Safety at 329-4567 or Silent Observer at 343-2100, www.kalamazoosilentobserver.com.

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