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Summit Police Department Responds to Attempted Motor Vehicle Theft

SUMMIT, NJ, June 20, 2022 – On June 18, 2022, at approximately 1:50AM a Summit Police officer was patrolling in east Summit when they observed a 2021 Toyota Highlander that was occupied by four males pass through a red signal at the intersection of Broad Street and Middle Avenue.

The officer attempted to pull over the suspect vehicle that refused to stop, proceeding west on Springfield Avenue. After receiving confirmation that the vehicle had been stolen out of Newark, the officer began pursuit as it traveled eastbound on Broad Street towards Route 24. The pursuit ended when the suspect vehicle collided with a Millburn police unit on the Broad Street entrance ramp to Route 24.

Following the collision, one suspect was immediately apprehended as they attempted to exit the vehicle. The three remaining suspects fled the scene of the accident on foot heading towards Springfield. Within minutes, the driver of the vehicle was apprehended a short distance from the crash site.

Millburn and Springfield police departments and members of the Union County K-9 unit responded to assist in the search for the two remaining suspects. Approximately 90 minutes later, the third suspect was apprehended near Wawa on 685 Morris Essex Turnpike in Springfield. A fourth suspect remains at large.

There were no reported injuries to police officers or suspects involved in the collision.

Following an investigation, the three suspects were charged with the following:

The driver, a 16-year-old male juvenile from Newark was charged with receiving stolen property and eluding police. He was transported to the Essex County Detention Center following processing.

The two passengers, both 15-year-old male juveniles from Newark, were charged with receiving stolen property and were released to their guardians.

The charges are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

Summit Police Department asks anyone with information pertinent to the investigation, including surveillance footage of the suspect vehicle in the area, to contact the Detective Bureau at (908) 273-0051.

For more information on the Summit Police Department, visit the City of Summit [website](#).

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