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TWO JUVENILES CHARGED IN VANDALISM SPREE

Lee, MA: The Lee Police Department filed charges today against two Lee juveniles in a vandalism spree in Lee that began on November 10 and ended on November 21. During that time, the two are alleged to have spray painted a building and broken windows at a garage at Greenock Country Club on West Park Street; spray painted vehicles and buildings and broke two truck windshields at Dresser Hull Lumber on Railroad Street; and spray painted graffiti on the bridge on West Park Street. In addition, at least nine privately owned vehicles parked in different locations were vandalized with spray paint. The vandalism spree also included damage to St. Mary's School property on Orchard Street. The damage at the school included spray painting of the school building itself, and a marble statute in front of the school.

The total cost of the damage is estimated at more than \$7,000. The lead investigator on the case was Officer Adrian Kohlenberger who conducted dozens of interviews with potential suspects and witnesses. The first break in the case came on November 21 when security personnel from Dresser Hull Lumber located two juveniles at night behind one of their buildings. Officer Ryan Lucy was dispatched to the scene and identified the juveniles. Officer Kohlenberger and Officer William Bartini then reviewed security video tapes from Price Chopper and observed the same two juveniles vandalizing a vehicle at Price Chopper on same night most of the vandalism occurred. After the officers conducted several more interviews, charges were subsequently filed against both juveniles for ten counts of vandalism of property, and three counts of malicious destruction of property. All of the charges are felonies. The two juveniles are being summoned to appear in Juvenile Court in Pittsfield on Monday.

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