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Pickens County Sheriff's Office Charge Several Juveniles for Rash of Malicious Damage Incidents in Dacusville/Easley Areas

The Pickens County Sheriff's Office has been conducting an investigation into a rash of incidents where multiple mailboxes were damaged or stolen along with other incidents of damage in the Dacusville/Easley areas reported during the month of February.

The incidents occurred during the nighttime hours and most of the activity was accomplished as the suspects were walking through the area.

Three juveniles have been charged thus far by the Sheriff's Office; however, the investigation is still on-going and may lead to additional charges or additional suspects as the investigation continues.

Due to the individuals being under the age of seventeen, the cases will be presented and heard in Family Court.

<u>Juveniles Charged:</u>	<u>Age:</u>	<u>Area of Home Residence:</u>
Male	14	Dacusville
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Male	16	Dacusville

The Sheriff's Office has cleared the below listed cases pursuant to the identification and subsequent charges filed against the three juveniles:

<u>Location:</u>	<u>Incident:</u>	<u>Estimated Damage:</u>
The Summit (Old Dacusville Rd)	Sign damaged	\$1,000.00
2612 Earls Bridge Rd.	2000 Dodge damaged	\$ 300.00
2801 Earls Bridge Rd.	1995 Chev damaged	\$ 700.00
#1042 Old Dacusville Rd	1956 Ford damaged	\$ 800.00
#1103 Old Dacusville Rd	Mailbox damaged	\$ 40.00
#1120 Old Dacusville Rd	Mailbox damaged	\$ 40.00
#1126 Old Dacusville Rd	Mailbox damaged	\$ 40.00
#1133 Old Dacusville Rd	Mailbox damaged	\$ 40.00
#1186 Old Dacusville Rd	Mailbox damaged	\$ 40.00

#100 Sha Dr.	Mailbox damaged	\$ 40.00
#111 Sha Dr.	Mailbox damaged	\$ 40.00
#116 Sha Dr.	Mailbox damaged	\$ 40.00
#125 Sha Dr.	Mailbox damaged	\$ 40.00
#177 Sha Dr.	Mailbox damaged	\$ 40.00
#102 Mustang Dr.	Mailbox damaged	\$ 40.00
#253 Mustang Dr.	Mailbox damaged	\$ 40.00

Sheriff Rick Clark stated...

“We encourage victims to call the Sheriff’s Office to report incidents when they occur so that they can be properly investigated. Too often, we see the trend for people to post comments on Facebook about what they believe to be criminal behavior when the local jurisdiction has never been notified about the activity. Please remember that Facebook which is sometimes great entertainment will not investigate crimes in your neighborhood.

As you can see from our recent arrests stemming from investigations into incidents of mail theft and in the above cases where personal property has been damaged, we take these problems seriously and make every effort to identify and solve cases where the community has been victimized.

Unfortunately, we are not able to prevent nor do we solve every crime but the proper reporting of criminal activity is key in the mission to getting it stopped.

I want to personally thank our communities in the partnerships that have been formed with the Sheriff’s Office. Strengthening the relationship between law enforcement and our neighborhoods has allowed us to work together as we continue to make Pickens County a safer place to work and raise our families”.

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