



PRESS RELEASE

5 Arrested after Attempted Vehicle Theft from Warren Business - \$500k worth of vehicles targeted

The Warren Police Department would like to provide a preliminary update regarding an attempted vehicle theft at a local business which occurred this morning (08/19/2024).

Today (08/19/2024) at approximately 06:35am, Warren Police Patrol Officers were dispatched to Ground Effects Automotive (1990 Concept Drive) regarding a group of suspicious persons. A caller reported that there was a group of individuals in the rear parking lot near where several new Dodge/Stellantis products were parked. Officers arrived on scene quickly and encountered a new Dodge Durango attempting to intentionally ram the security gate at the business and flee. A second new Dodge Durango also attempted to intentionally ram the security gate. Due to the crash, both Dodge Durangos became disabled at which time several suspects exited the vehicles and all fled the scene on foot in various directions. After a short foot pursuit and area search, Warren Patrol Officers located and arrested 5 suspects. One suspect was not able to be located at this time. Two 16-year-old and two 17-year-old juveniles from Detroit along with a 24-year-old Detroit resident were all taken into custody.

The investigation has shown that the suspects targeted and attempted to steal 6 new Dodge Durangos, 5 of which were Dodge Durango SRT models. The suspects attempted to intentionally ram the security gate so that they could then exit the parking lot in the freshly stolen vehicles. All of the attempted stolen vehicles were recovered on scene. So far, investigators believe the value of the attempted theft and damaged property is around \$500,000.00. Investigators are continuing to follow up on several leads as part of this investigation to see if this theft is connected to other thefts which have occurred in the last few months. Investigators will be presenting the facts of the case to the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office who will make a determination on criminal charges. This is a very ongoing and active investigation involving the Warren Police Department and the Macomb Auto Theft taskforce.

If anybody has any additional information, please contact Det. Bechill at 586-574-4713 or wbechill@warrenpd.org.

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