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WESTFIELD POLICE CHIEF ANNOUNCES MORE ARRESTS FOR ADDITIONAL ATTEMPTED MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

WESTFIELD – AUGUST 13, 2020 – Westfield Police Chief Christopher Battiloro has announced the arrest of 3 more persons on charges relating to additional attempted motor vehicle thefts, which occurred on the 500 block of Topping Hill Road on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 6:27 AM.

Delano Fletcher, age 18, of East Orange, was charged with Burglary (a 3rd degree crime), Accomplice to a Burglary (a 3rd degree crime) and Theft (a Disorderly Persons offense).

Qausin Lee, age 19, of East Orange, was charged with Receiving Stolen Property (a Disorderly Persons offense) and Hindering Apprehension (a Disorderly Persons offense). He was also charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, namely crack cocaine (a 3rd degree crime), and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (a Disorderly Persons offense).

Jawaun Whitted, age 18, of Newark, was charged with Burglary (a 3rd degree crime), Attempted Burglary (a 3rd degree crime), Theft (a Disorderly Persons offense) and Receiving Stolen Property (a Disorderly Persons offense).

The Westfield Police Department responded to a report of a vehicle fleeing the scene of an attempted motor vehicle burglary. This information was transmitted to the Mountainside Police Department, which located the vehicle in question on Wychwood Road near Cherry Lane in Westfield. It was occupied by Fletcher, Lee, Whitted and a fourth person, who was not charged.

A subsequent investigation by Westfield Police Department detectives resulted in the criminal charges, which were approved by the Union County Prosecutor's Office. All 3 were released on their own recognizance after being processed and served with complaint summonses.

"Make no mistake," stated Chief Battiloro, "Westfield residents and their unlocked motor vehicles are being targeted by criminals for their demonstrated complacency. These arrests, and the ones announced last week, unquestionably affirm that," he added.

Residents are once again strongly urged to remove all valuables and lock their vehicles at all times. Additionally, they should immediately report all suspicious persons, vehicles and activities to the Westfield Police Department via 9-1-1.



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