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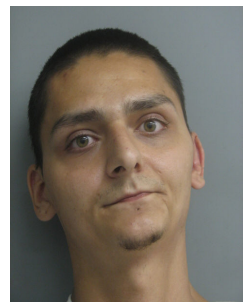
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THE LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS REPORTING THE ARREST OF TWO INDIVIDUALS CONNECTED TO RECENT BICYCLE THEFTS.

ON AUGUST 6, 2012 34-YEAR OLD **BRENT C. CARLSON**, OF 630 N. PARK IN LA GRANGE PARK, IL WAS OBSERVED AT THE STONE AVENUE COMMUTER STATION LOOKING AT BICYCLES. SURVEILLANCE OF CARLSON REVEALED THAT HE WALKED TO THE AREA OF THE 500 BLOCK OF S. PARK WHERE HE REMOVED A BICYCLE FROM AN OPEN GARAGE. AS A RESULT OF HIS ACTIONS, CARLSON WAS CHARGED WITH RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY AND POSSESSION OF BURGLARY TOOLS. HE IS CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN COOK COUNTY JAIL ON A \$150,000.00 BOND.



A FEW DAYS LATER ON AUGUST 9, 2012, 27-YEAR-OLD **ADAM P. POTESAK**, OF 3403 S. CUYLER AVENUE IN BERWYN, IL, WAS OBSERVED AT THE STONE AVENUE STATION LOOKING AT BICYCLES. SURVEILLANCE WAS MAINTAINED AND POTESAK THEN WALKED TO THE AREA OF LA GRANGE ROAD AND BURLINGTON AVENUE STATION WHERE HE USED BOLT CUTTERS TO CUT OFF THE LOCK OF A BICYCLE, JUST AS THE METRA TRAIN ARRIVED. HE WAS IMMEDIATELY ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH ONE COUNT OF FELONY THEFT AND CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST, POTESAK RESISTED EFFORTS TO BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND THEREFORE HE WAS ALSO CHARGED WITH RESISTING ARREST. HE IS CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN COOK COUNTY JAIL ON A \$50,000.00 BOND



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WE HAVE HAD OVER 20 BICYCLES STOLEN SINCE THE END OF MAY AND THIS TREND HAS ALSO BEEN OCCURRING IN OTHER COMMUNITIES ALONG THE METRA ROUTE. IN LA GRANGE, CARLSON AND POTESAK WERE THE TWO PRIMARY SUSPECTS IN MOST OF OUR THEFTS.

THREE BICYCLES HAVE BEEN RECOVERED AND RETURNED TO THEIR OWNERS. ALTHOUGH LOCK CUTTERS WERE USED IN SOME OF THE THEFTS, WE DID NOTE THAT MOST OF THE BICYCLES STOLEN HAD LOW-END LOCKS, WHICH WERE EASILY DEFEATED.

WE ARE ENCOURAGING THOSE WHO USE BICYCLES AS A MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO RECORD THEIR SERIAL NUMBER AND OTHER IDENTIFIERS AND TO KEEP THEM IN A SAFE PLACE; A PHOTOGRAPH IS ALSO QUITE HELPFUL IN THE EVENT THAT A BIKE IS STOLEN. THOSE IDENTIFIERS ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE RECOVERY AND RETURN OF STOLEN BICYCLES.

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