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PRESS RELEASE

After months of investigating Holliston and Hopkinton Police got the break they were looking for last week, in solving over forty car break-ins and three house breaks that have been ongoing in these Towns since May. While investigating a one car accident on Hanlon Road in Holliston, Officer Gatchell observed items that matched the description of property stolen during those breaks-ins. The follow-up investigation by Officer Gatchell, Detectives Todd and Thompson as well as Hopkington Det. Van Ralton solved these crimes that had plagued both Towns.

The operator of the vehicle involved in the crash, Michael Terranova 19 years old of Holliston will be charged by Holliston Police with twelve specific offenses including motor vehicle violations, receiving stolen property and possession of Class C drugs. He will also be charged with breaking and entering by the Hopkinton Police. Justin Capello a seventeen year old Holliston youth will be charged with receiving stolen property in Holliston and breaking and entering in Hopkinton as well.

Police have learned that this rash of breaks started with what the youths referred to as Xing sometime in May. The youths would go out between 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM and commit these opportunistic crimes where cars or homes were left unlocked. The breaks continued to escalate to the point where the suspects were breaking into homes while the occupants were sleeping.

The investigation continues as several other Holliston youths have been identified as participating to varying degrees in this crime spree and subsequent charges will be filed when appropriate.