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Western Springs Police Arrest Western Springs Youths for Criminal Trespass & Obstructing Police Officers

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WESTERN SPRINGS, IL, February 24, 2017 – On 2/23/17 at 2:56 p.m., Western Springs Police, with the assistance of several surrounding police agencies, arrested three Western Springs youths for criminal trespass to a residential garage, obstruction of police officers, and other criminal charges.

The arrests occurred after the Western Springs Police received a call in reference to three male white individuals who had entered a detached residential garage located in the 5400 block of Lawn Avenue in Western Springs. The complaining witness stated the garage and residence were supposed to be vacant. Upon police arrival, the offenders exited the garage and fled southbound on foot into a neighboring subdivision.

CLERK

Jeanine Jasica

The first offender was located a short time later in the 1100 block of Longmeadow Lane and was arrested. The second offender was located and arrested at his residence at approximately 4:09 p.m. The third offender turned himself in at the Western Springs Police Department and was arrested at approximately 7:30 p.m.

MANAGER

Patrick Higgins

Officers determined that the inside of the garage contained alcoholic beverages, table, and chairs. The owner of the vacant home confirmed that no one was granted permission to enter their garage at any time. It was confirmed that this garage had been unlawfully entered and used over an extended period of time.

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The juvenile offenders were each charged with the following:

- *Offender #1 - male white, 17 years old of Western Springs:* Criminal Trespass, Obstructing a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest, Possession of Alcohol by a Minor, Possession of Tobacco by a Minor
- *Offender #2 – male white, 17 years old of Western Springs:* Criminal Trespass, Obstructing a Police Officer, Possession of Alcohol by a Minor
- *Offender #3 – male white, 17 years old of Western Springs:* Criminal Trespass, Obstructing a Police Officer, Possession of Alcohol by a Minor

Offender #1 sustained a minor hand injury that occurred while fleeing and a La Grange Police Officer suffered an arm injury while attempting to apprehend Offender #1.

All offenders were released to their parents at the Western Springs Police Department and have been petitioned to Cook County Juvenile Court.

Members of the public are reminded that a complaint contains only charges and is not proof of the defendant's guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the government's burden to prove his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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