

**Media Release**  
**Lake Hallie Police Department**

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**Topic: 08/15/24 Arrest for multiple Vehicle Thefts**

**Re: Arrest for multiple vehicle thefts**

Between June 27<sup>th</sup> and August 6, 2024, there were multiple vehicle thefts and thefts from vehicles that occurred in neighborhoods throughout the Village of Lake Hallie. One of those vehicle thefts resulted in a short vehicle pursuit on July 27, 2024. On August 8, 2024, investigators identified a suspect based on information obtained from Crime Stoppers and the Chippewa Falls Police Department. On August 14, 2024, a Lake Hallie Police Detective and Lake Hallie Police Officer interviewed the suspect, a juvenile male, who confessed to four vehicle thefts, a vehicle/boat theft, and two thefts from vehicles. All vehicles and the boat were recovered and returned to their respective owners.

The juvenile is being referred to Chippewa County Juvenile Intake for the following charges: felony Knowingly Fleeing an officer, two felony counts of Operating a Motor Vehicle without owner's consent causing damage; two misdemeanor counts of theft from vehicle; two misdemeanor counts of Operating a motor vehicle without owner's consent - abandoned in 24 hours with no damage and one count of misdemeanor disorderly conduct.

The Lake Hallie Police Department reminds the public to make sure their vehicles are locked, and keys are not in the vehicle when left unattended. Based on the interview of the juvenile male, these incidents were targets of opportunity. If you see suspicious activity and want to report it, you may contact the Lake Hallie Police Department directly or you may report it to the Chippewa County Crime Stoppers at 715-944-3949 or download the P3 Tips App. Remember when using the P3 Tips app, you will remain 100% anonymous. In an emergency, call 911!

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