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FISHERS POLICE ARREST INDIANAPOLIS COUPLE FOR BREAKING INTO MULTIPLE CARS

(Fishers, Indiana) – On 11/4/2010, at approximately 7:30pm, Fishers Police Officer Dale Hensley responded to a report of a suspicious green mini-van seen in the parking lot of Lifestyle Fitness near the area of 116th Street and Commercial Drive. The occupants of the vehicle were said to have been looking into vehicles in the parking lot. Officers had been looking for a vehicle with the same description that was believed to be involved in at least two thefts from vehicles the previous day at the LA Fitness located on Fishers Corner Lane.

Officer Hensley soon spotted a vehicle matching the description driving North on Lantern Rd from the area. Hensley followed the vehicle for some time and ultimately stopped it at 96th St and I-69. The driver was identified as Clarence Cornelious Jr (Indianapolis, 44 YOA) and his passenger was identified as Tonya R. Black (Indianapolis, 43 YOA). Mr. Cornelious was determined to have a suspended driver's license and Ms. Black was found to be in possession of a stolen and altered (fraudulent) identification.

Approximately one hour earlier Officer David Finn had taken a theft report from a citizen who reported that his vehicle had been broken into while it was parked at Trinity Wesleyan Church on Allisonville Rd North of 96th St. This victim reported several items stolen from his vehicle to include a checkbook and a debit card. All of these reported items (including items from other suspected thefts) were located in Cornelious's van.

The investigation also revealed that at least two victims of these thefts reported purchases on their credit/debit cards at area businesses before they were able to cancel the cards.

Both suspects were ultimately taken into custody and transported to the Hamilton County Jail on several theft related charges.



Clarence Cornelious Jr
Indianapolis, 44 YOA
Charges:
Driving While Suspended
Theft

Tonya R. Black
Indianapolis, 43 YOA
Charges:
Receiving Stolen Property
Identity Deception
Forgery

The Fishers Police Department encourages everyone to remain vigilant and observant to their surroundings. Please help us by reporting any suspicious vehicles, persons, or activity. Please also remember to lessen the likelihood of becoming a victim of theft by locking doors and removing items of value from view before leaving your vehicles unattended.