

Date: 20 October 2014

Media Release

Re: Stolen Property Arrest-Secure Your Vehicle and Hide Your Valuables!

On Monday October 20, 2014 at approximately 03:42am, Auburn Patrol Officers were dispatched to the area of S. Seward Ave and Walnut St. on the report of a person entering parked vehicles. Once in the area Officer's quickly located an individual in the Evans Street area riding a bicycle and carrying a backpack. Upon interview of the individual and upon receiving several complaints from area residents regarding entered vehicles and stolen property the stopped individual identified as Justin J. Crimmins was arrested for possessing stolen property.

Crimmins was charged with two separate counts of criminal possession of stolen property 5th degree based on victims who were able to identify property found on Crimmins at the time of his stop. Crimmins was subsequently arraigned in Auburn City Court this morning and released on his own recognizance.

It is believed based on the amount of apparent stolen property Crimmins was carrying there may be several more victims who have yet to discover larcenies to their vehicles. The Auburn Police Department is asking any residents who believe they may be a victim of a related larceny to contact the Police at (315) 253-3231 as the investigation is ongoing.

With the upcoming shopping and holiday season around the corner, the Auburn Police Department would also like to remind the residents of our community if you are going to leave valuables in your vehicle keep them out of sight and lock yours doors.

Items that include GPS units, iPods, gifts, cameras, purses and other valuables if left in your vehicle should be kept in a secure location like a locked trunk or glove box. If you do choose to leave these items in your car then make sure all windows and doors are locked and make sure you have the model and serial numbers of these devices written down and stored in a secure location so in the event they are stolen and recovered Police can return the property to its rightful owner.

Most larceny incidents are the result of the vehicle doors being left unlocked but there have been numerous incidents were a window was broken out in order to gain entry into the car to commit the larceny. These crimes of opportunity are made easier when the doors or windows are left unsecure. Generally a thief will not make the effort to break a window especially if there is nothing of value in plain sight.

These tips are also good to keep in mind regarding your home as well. Make sure to secure your garage at night; don't leave valuables like bicycles or lawn mowers in the front yard. Leave a light on to discourage a potential thief from prowling your property and always secure your doors and windows.

We the Auburn Police Department ask that you assist us by being aware of your surroundings and always report when you see something suspicious ... If you are ever in doubt, **call us!** ... **We are here to serve you!**

See page 2 for Defendant Information



ARRESTED: Justin Joseph Crimmins / 28 Years of Age
43 Howard Street
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Charges: (2) cts. Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 5th / A Misd.