

# **WATERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS MEDIA RELEASE**

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INCIDENT TYPE/OFFENSE: Vandalism

LOCATION: Starting at 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW / Multiple

DATE OF INCIDENT: Night of July 4<sup>th</sup> and early morning July 5, 2009

TIME OF INCIDENT: Various

VICTIM: Multiple      AGE:              SEX:

(MAJOR CRIMES, NO RELEASE PENDING NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN. CHECK WITH DETECTIVE)  
(SEX CRIMES, NO RELEASE OF NAMES OR ADDRESSES OF VICTIMS)

## **GENERAL DESCRIPTION OR CIRCUMSTANCES OF INCIDENT:**

At 3 am on July 5, 2009, Watertown Patrol Officers while on routine patrol located a vehicle with a window shattered out in the 10 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW. Upon inspection of the area, another vehicle and a house were discovered to have windows broken out. While searching the area, Police Officers observed a suspicious vehicle in the area of the vandalisms. Officers were able to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle. While speaking with the two occupants, Officers observed a sling shot inside of the car. Initial investigation lead to the arrest of the driver for Driving under the influence of alcohol and a paint ball gun was also found in the car.

Further investigation revealed the occupants of the vehicle were responsible for the damage the Officers had observed and suspected of others that had not yet been reported. By Monday morning, July 6, 2009, a total of nine reports of vehicle windows being broken out and vehicles or homes that had been struck with paint balls had been reported. The total damage amount at this time is approximately \$2,000.

Arrested: Christopher Jordan, 19 year old male of Watertown for driving under the Influence, Intentional damage to property and Underage consumption of alcohol.

Arrested passenger: Greg Comes, 19 year old male from Watertown for Intentional damage to property and underage consumption of alcohol.

Both were taken to the Codington County Detention Center and held with a \$1,500 bond.

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MEDIA RELEASE PREPARED BY: Captain Tracy Schaefer

DATE: July 6, 2009

TIME: 3 pm