



Watertown Police Department News Release

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| Type of Incident Vandalism to Vehicle Tires | Date of Release 6/29/10 | Time of Release 4:30 pm |
| Location of Incident NW Watertown | | |
| Narrative ***UPDATE TO MEDIA RELEASE ISSUED EARLIER TODAY*** 4:30 PM Two juvenile males (ages 13 and 16) were identified as suspects in the vandalisms reported on the morning of June 29 th in the area around Hurkes Implement. The juvenile males were interviewed and subsequently admitted to being involved in the majority tire slashings reported in northwest Watertown since mid May. Both juveniles live in the neighborhood around N Hwy 20. Both were cited for Intentional Damage to Property and released to their parents. ***COPIED FROM EARLIER RELEASE*** 11:30 AM The Watertown Police Department is investigating several incidents of vandalism to vehicle tires that took place in northwest Watertown during the overnight hours of Monday night and Tuesday morning. Approximately 80 tires were cut on the Hurkes Implement property in the 600 block of N Hwy 20. The vandalized tires ranged from large tractor tires to smaller trailer tires. Four more tires were vandalized on the property of an upholstery shop just north of Hurkes Implement, and several more tires were vandalized at various businesses located a block south of Hurkes Implement. A total dollar amount of damage done during the incident last night is still being calculated, but is expected to exceed \$10,000. The WPD has taken reports of over 50 separate reports of vandalisms since May 15 th . The heaviest concentration of vandalisms is in northwest Watertown within three blocks of Hwy 20. There is also a significant concentration of reported vandalisms within four blocks on either side of south Broadway. | | |

The Watertown Police Department is specifically designating several available resources to investigate these acts of vandalism and arrest those responsible. We are also encouraging people to call 911 immediately if they see anything suspicious in their neighborhood during the overnight hours. A reward of \$500 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible.

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