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Suspects Identified in Recent Theft from Auto Spree in Westminster

The Westminster Police Department has identified two Taneytown residents as suspects in a series of eleven (11) theft from auto incidents that occurred in Westminster between October 4th and October 9th, 2017. In several of those incidents, witnesses reported seeing the occupants of a silver truck or SUV smashing windows out of parked vehicles and stealing valuables from within the vehicles. During the course of the investigation video evidence was located identifying the suspect vehicle as a late model Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck. Video evidence was also located which showed a male in his 20's utilizing a credit card stolen from one of the vehicles within hours of the theft of the card.

On Tuesday October 10, 2017 at approximately 2:45 a.m., patrol officers of the Westminster Police Department attempted to stop a Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck on MD Rt. 140 at Gorsuch Rd. that matched the description of the suspect vehicle in these thefts. The vehicle refused to stop and fled from the officers at a high rate of speed. The pursuit was quickly terminated due to the reckless actions of the fleeing driver. The truck was located minutes later unoccupied and abandoned on Hughes Shop Rd. Investigation revealed that the truck had been reported stolen in Nashville Tennessee on October 1, 2017. Evidence from some of the earlier thefts was recovered from within the truck.

On Tuesday October 10th at approximately 12:10 p.m., deputies from the Carroll County Sheriff's Office encountered a 2012 Mazda in the Harney area which had been reported stolen in Hanover PA on October 9th, 2017. The occupants of the vehicle were arrested by the deputies and later questioned by investigators from the Westminster Police Department. During the interviews evidence was obtained linking them to the stolen Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck and the aforementioned theft from auto cases. The suspects have been identified as:

Luis Alejandro Gonzalez (24)
Alyssa Raye Russomanno (23)

Both currently reside in the 5000 block of Harney Rd. Taneytown, MD 21787

Gonzalez and Russomanno have been charged with the theft of the both the pickup truck and the Mazda. Additional charges will be forthcoming relating to the theft from auto cases. Both subjects are currently being held at the Carroll County Detention Center as fugitives from Texas.

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