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PRESS RELEASE

Between the hours of 2 and 6am the Nampa Police Department received 8 different reports of vandalisms and one arson that had occurred during night time hours. It is believed that all instances occurred between 0200 – 0300 and some victims were not aware of the damage until later. All victims reported damage that had occurred to either their homes or vehicles.

It appears that the vandalism are related due to them all being in one area of town and the means in which the damage was done is the same. It appears that the suspects used blunt objects such as baseball bats to break out car windows, rocks to throw through house windows and in three of the reports some type of large firework or mortar was used. In one of the reports that came in from the 1600 block of S Heron a vehicle was damaged and set on fire, causing over \$10,000 loss to the vehicle.

Besides the vehicle fire all the damage done was to windows of homes and vehicles.

At this time there are no suspects in this case. Nampa Police encourages everyone to report any damage they may have received and want to remind the community that many crimes are solved with the assistance of the public and them report suspicious behavior they see by calling dispatch at 465-2257. The public can also make reports online at Nampapolice.org

Anyone who has information about these crimes is asked to call NPD or they can call Crimestoppers at 343-COPS (2677).

The crimes occurred at the following locations:

900 blk Sunny Lane
11000 blk W Aldbury Ave
1100 blk W Colorado Ave
900 blk W Oakmont
800 blk W Florida

1200 blk Willow Creek Dr
1600 blk S Heron

18-7001. Malicious injury to property. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, every person who maliciously injures or destroys any real or personal property not his own, or any jointly owned property without permission of the joint owner, or any property belonging to the community of the person's marriage, in cases otherwise than such as are specified in this code, is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for up to one (1) year or a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.

(2) A person is guilty of a felony, and shall be punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years, and may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both such fine and imprisonment, if:

(a) The damages caused by a violation of this section exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in value; or

(b) Any series of individual violations of this section are part of a common scheme or plan and are aggregated in one (1) count, and the damages from such violations when considered together exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in value.

18-804. Arson in the third degree -- Burning of real or personal property or forest land -- Penalties. Any person who willfully and unlawfully, by fire or explosion, damages:

(1) Any real or personal property of another; or

(2) Any forest land;

is guilty of arson in the third degree, and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to the custody of the department of correction for not more than ten (10) years or fined not more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or both.

**If anyone has further questions they can contact:
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