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NEWS RELEASE

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Man Charged in String of Property Damages

****UPDATE**** - The Owensboro Police Department's investigation resulted in obtaining limited video surveillance within city limits. Detectives followed up by canvassing areas outside the city limits where similar crimes occurred. As a result, they located video surveillance of a possible suspect vehicle which led detectives to an address in the 1800 Block of Reid Road where the vehicle was located.

Subsequently, the suspect was identified as Christopher Smithers and he was apprehended in the 5700 Block of Highway 144.

Detectives with the Owensboro Police Department contacted the Daviess County Sheriff's Office and provided them with information that may aid in their investigation of property damage incidents that occurred at addresses in the county.

The estimated damage to property for victims residing within the city was in excess of \$14,000.

After consulting with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, detectives charged Christopher Smithers (21 years old of Owensboro) with the following:

- Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree (9 Counts)
- Criminal Mischief 3rd Degree (40 Counts)

Smithers was arrested and lodged at the Daviess County Detention Center on an unrelated Failure to Appear warrant.

OPD Detectives Investigating Multiple Reports of Property Damage

Since April 6, 2023, at approximately 10:30 P.M., Officers from the Owensboro Police Department have responded to numerous reports of property damage. The damage is consistent with being struck with a projectile from a bb or pellet gun. At this time, there have been over 40 reports with the combined damage expected to be thousands of dollars. The Criminal Investigations Division is currently investigating all of these reports and believes that they are all related.

Detectives request if you reside in the following neighborhoods and have surveillance footage that could assist with the investigation to please contact Detective Gilbert at 270-687-8885.

The locations where reports have been filed include:

- 2200 Block to 2500 Block of Citation Avenue
- 1900 Block to 2500 Block of Venetian Way
- 1200 Block of Pleasant Valley Road
- 2100 Block of Churchill Drive
- 700 Block to 900 Block of Cottage Drive
- 1200 Block to 1300 Block of Independence Avenue
- 400 Block to 1300 Block of Maple Avenue
- 900 Block to 1000 Block of Walnut Street
- 500 Block to 900 Block of East 5th Street
- 900 Block to 1200 Block of Cedar Street
- 2700 Block of Middleground Drive West
- 2600 Block of Elwood Court
- 700 Block of Carter Road
- 2500 Block of Elder Drive
- 500 Block of Hathaway Street
- 400 Block of Center Street
- 2000 Block of Clinton Place West
- 2200 Block of East 19th Street
- 1200 Block of Cedar Street
- 1500 Block of Booth Avenue
- 2500 Block of South Cherokee Drive
- 2200 Block of Mayfair Avenue
- 2700 Block of Baylor Place
- 2300 Block of Wintergreen Loop South

Anyone with additional information can call OPD at 270-687-8888, or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers at 270-687-8484.