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Suspects Identified In Eureka City School Bus Vandalisms

The Eureka Police Department has concluded its investigation into the June 23, 2012, incident at the Eureka City Schools Corp yard where fifteen (15) school buses were severally damaged and vandalized. With the communities help three (3) male juveniles were identified as possible suspects in the vandalism. The investigating Officer was able to locate and interview the juveniles. Through the interviews the Officer was able to obtain full confessions into the crime.

The initial motive was identified as theft; the suspects believing there was money stored on the buses. (Which isn't true.) When asked why they broke so many windows and discharged the fire extinguishes the common theme among all three juveniles was, "It was fun!"

The cost incurred by Eureka City Schools at this point to repair the damage is over \$13,000, with another \$3,000 expected in window repairs.

The juvenile suspects range in age from 10-12 and are all from Eureka. The investigation has been referred to the Humboldt County Juvenile Probation Department for prosecution. The juveniles are being charged with burglary and felony vandalism. Two (2) of the juveniles have been identified as suspects in other recent vandalisms and those reports will also be forwarded for prosecution.

The Eureka Police Department would like to thank the citizens that came forward with valuable information that lead to the suspects being identified.
