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Seven juveniles charged following disturbance, pursuit in east metro

STILLWATER, MN --- Seven Ramsey County juveniles have been charged with various felonies following a disturbance and subsequent pursuit in Woodbury over the weekend, Washington County Attorney Kevin Magnuson announced.

Just after 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 6th, police from the Woodbury Public Safety Department were called to Cabela's after staff reported a group of juveniles had been causing a disturbance in the store. Employees identified a maroon Hyundai sedan in the parking lot as being associated with the group, which police learned was reported stolen the day before.

Police arrived in the area and located the stolen vehicle in the Cabela's parking lot with the juveniles inside. The vehicle immediately fled from police, coming within inches of a responding squad car. A vehicle pursuit ensued with the suspect vehicle reaching speeds of over 100 miles-per-hour.

During the pursuit, police successfully performed a pursuit intervention technique, or PIT maneuver, and effectively disabled the vehicle near Inwood Avenue North in Lake Elmo. The juveniles fled from the vehicle on foot, leading to an exhaustive search of the area involving multiple law enforcement agencies. Police eventually located all seven juveniles, ages 12-15 years old, and they were taken into custody. A 12- and 13-year-old juvenile were later released due to the limited capacity of the juvenile detention unit.

After speaking with Cabela's loss prevention employees, it was learned that the group had stolen a Glock 19 CO₂ airsoft pistol and a low-profile pistol sight mount. The airsoft gun was recovered inside the stolen vehicle and the sight mount was found by a deputy near a residence in the area.

The juveniles were charged by the Washington County Attorney's Office with a variety of felony offenses, including theft of a motor vehicle, fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle, and receiving stolen property. Additional misdemeanor charges include fleeing a police officer on foot and theft under \$500.

Due to the danger caused to the public during the commission of the offense, the Washington County Attorney's Office recommended that all five of the detained juveniles remain in detention pending further hearing. On Monday, the Court ordered three of the defendants to remain in custody and two defendants were released with conditions.

"This office recognizes the unique needs of juvenile offenders, especially those that are very young," said Magnuson. "However, the safety of public is the primary concern in every situation reviewed by a prosecutor. This incident involved very dangerous conduct which put law enforcement officers and community members at risk."

"The protection of the public must be the focus in the prosecution of this type of incident," he added.

Under Minnesota law, the identity and charging documents of juveniles under the age of 16 years old who are charged with an offense is not available to the public. Accordingly, the Washington County Attorney's Office cannot release that information at this time.

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