



EFFINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SPECIAL NEWS RELEASE

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**ALL INDIVIDUALS LISTED AS ARRESTED OR ISSUED A CITATION ARE
INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A COURT OF LAW**

UPDATE – SUSPECT IN CUSTODY FOR VEHICLE BURGLARIES

An arrest has been made in the vehicle burglaries which occurred on Saturday, November 30, 2019 at St. Anthony High School. Please see original press release below for details of the incident.



David L. Carter, 55, Hannibal, Missouri, is in custody on an original warrant issued out of Effingham County for 9 counts of Burglary, Class 2 Felonies, each count punishable by three to seven years in state prison and/or fines not to exceed \$25,000. Carter is currently in jail in Hannibal and is expected to be extradited to Effingham County next week where he will be incarcerated and face an initial hearing in the case. His bail for the warrant has already been set at \$75,000. Effingham City Police Detectives are continuing the investigation.

Chief Jason McFarland applauded all the hard work and collaboration which went into making this arrest in such a short time frame. Chief McFarland confirmed, “A citizen witnessed suspicious activity and instantly reported it, then kept surveillance on the subject as long as possible, ultimately obtaining critical information for Officers. Immediately, Patrol Officers did a comprehensive job canvassing the surrounding area and gathering vital intelligence, which they later passed on to Detectives. As Detectives furthered this case, they coordinated with Law Enforcement Agencies in Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri as well as the United States Marshals Service. This cooperative teamwork, which all started with an observant citizen doing the right thing, has led to the arrest of a suspect who has been targeting victims in multiple states for a very long time. Perpetrators of vehicle burglaries are often not apprehended; in this case, not only was a suspect arrested, but he was taken into custody in a short time period. Excellent work by all involved!”



(Original Press Release from December 2, 2019):

VEHICLE BURGLARIES REPORTED

Effingham Police Department is investigating a rash of vehicle burglaries which occurred Saturday, November 30, 2019 between 6:00 P.M. and 8:30 P.M. at St. Anthony High School, 304 East Roadway Avenue. Nine vehicles were reported to Effingham Police Officers as damaged and/or burgled. Various items were stolen including purses, cell phones and cash. Detectives are continuing the investigation, and a person of interest has been identified.

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to call Effingham Police Department on the non-emergency line at 217-347-0774.

If you see it, say it! The Effingham Police Department encourages you to call the Police Department immediately at 217-347-0774 to report suspicious activity in your neighborhood or business district. Information can be given anonymously by calling the CRIME STOPPERS Tip Line at 217-347-6583. Anonymous callers can receive up to \$1,000 cash rewards.