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For Immediate Release

Two Teens Charged for Breaking & Entering and Mailbox Vandalisms

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Department: Police – Sergeant Warren B. Ryder

BOXBOROUGH, MA – Two 15 year old boys have been charged for B&E, larceny and vandalizing several mailboxes at the Old Harvard Estates area of town.

Initially on January 2, 2010 police responded to a residence on Houghton Lane for a Break & Entering that had just occurred. The home owner reported that two suspects had fled their residence on foot. During the search for suspects responding Officers discovered numerous mailboxes and other property on Robinson Road and Houghton Lane vandalized. Conservative estimated damages exceed \$3,000.

The teens are each charged with Breaking and Entering in the nighttime for a felony, sixteen counts of felony destruction of property and larceny. Reports have been forwarded to the U.S. Postal Inspectors Office because mailboxes are considered federal property, and federal law makes it a crime to vandalize them (or to injure, deface or destroy any mail deposited in them). Violators can be fined up to \$250,000, or imprisoned for up to three years, for each act of vandalism.

At the completion of the investigation the teens have also been charged with three other mailbox vandalisms that occurred at 1:25 a.m. on December 29, 2009 on Mayfair Drive. Any residents that have fallen victim to vandalism should contact the Boxborough Police.

The teens' names are being withheld due to their ages.

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