



Gardner Police Department  
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### **Several Reports of Vandalism Taken**

The Gardner Police Department has taken approximately twenty reports of vandalism that occurred overnight on December 27<sup>th</sup> through the early morning hours of December 28<sup>th</sup>. Approximately six reports involving damage of outdoor Christmas decorations, along with approximately twelve reports of mailboxes being damaged, have been taken up until the time of this release. Officers are currently taking two additional reports at this time.

The damages to Christmas decorations mainly occurred in the southern portion of the City spreading from Spruce Street west to Oak Street on 183<sup>rd</sup> & 184<sup>th</sup> Streets. The damages to mailboxes mainly occurred in the northern portion of the City spreading from Sycamore Street west to Poplar Street. It has also been reported that several residences in Miami County were also involved with this vandalism spree occurring as far south as Louisburg. Residents are encouraged to make a report of any damages they may have suffered to the appropriate law enforcement agency for the jurisdiction in which they reside.

Three juveniles, and one 18 year old, were taken into custody in the early morning hours of December 28<sup>th</sup> by Gardner officers after a suspicious vehicle was observed in one of the areas of the vandalisms. The juveniles were released to their parents, and the 18 year old was also released, pending review of all the reports by the Johnson County District Attorney's Office. It is anticipated that the subjects will face formal charges for several counts of Criminal Damage to Property.

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