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Chicago Police Apprehend Burglary Offenders During Operation M.O.E. (Money on Emerald)

Four offenders with documented gang ties and criminal backgrounds arrested

CHICAGO- Chicago Police have arrested four offenders with known affiliation to the Gangster Disciples street gang for their participation in a series of high-profile consumer retail store burglaries in the city.

Over a period of approximately two years, there have been multiple burglaries targeting high-end stores on Michigan Avenue and the North side. The offenders began by using crow bars and other tools to smash the windows of targeted stores. When store operators enhanced their security measures, the offenders resorted to using stolen vehicles to smash through secured doorways. Once entry was made, the offenders seized as many items as possible and fled within two minutes.

These incidents prompted Area Central Detectives to initiate a long term investigation which, thus far, has led to the arrests of four offenders. Using a variety of investigative methods, Area Central Detectives have successfully identified and charged the following four offenders.

- Kenneth C. Greene, 23, of the 5600 block of S. Emerald Avenue, was charged with one count of felony Burglary.
- Jawon Sellers, 24, of the 10100 block of S. LaSalle Street, was charged with one count of felony Burglary.
- Tommie Adams, 22, of the 10100 block of S. LaSalle Street, was charged with one count of felony Burglary and one count of felony Theft.
- Hershel Phillips, 18, of the 5800 block of S. Peoria, was charged with one count felony Burglary.

This investigation is open and ongoing and Chicago Police will continue the operation as they search for additional offenders.

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