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WESTFIELD POLICE ANNOUNCES ARRESTS RELATING TO RECENT MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

WESTFIELD - MARCH 16, 2021 - The Westfield Police Department has announced the arrest of three (3) persons on criminal charges stemming from the investigation of a motor vehicle theft, which occurred on Monday, March 8, 2021.

Reynold Henderson, age 18, of Irvington, Tyson Armour, age 19, of Newark, and Isaad Jackson, age 21, also of Newark, were all arrested at approximately 4:06 PM on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, on the 600 block of Grove Street in Irvington by detectives from the New Jersey State Police Motor Vehicle Crimes North Unit.

Henderson, Armour and Jackson were observed exiting the stolen 2018 BMW X5, which was taken from the driveway of a residence located on the north side of Westfield at approximately 11:15 PM the previous night while it was reportedly left unlocked with its key fob in it. They fled from Detectives, but were arrested following a foot chase.

Recovered in the stolen BMW X5 was a 9 mm handgun, and recovered during the foot chase was a discarded .40 caliber handgun.

Reynolds, Jackson and Armour were all subsequently charged with receiving stolen property. Additionally, all three (3) arrested persons have been charged with murder, conspiracy to commit murder, and weapons-related offenses, this for the shooting death of a 22-year old male that took place approximately ten (10) minutes earlier on the 20 block of St. Paul Avenue in Newark's West Ward.

Reynolds, Jackson and Armour were turned over to the custody of the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, which is handling the homicide investigation. They are all currently being held in the Essex County Jail pending detention hearings.

Westfield Police Chief Christopher Battiloro stated that a Detective from the Westfield Police Department is currently detailed to the New Jersey State Police Motor Vehicle Crimes North Unit and participated in the investigation and arrests.



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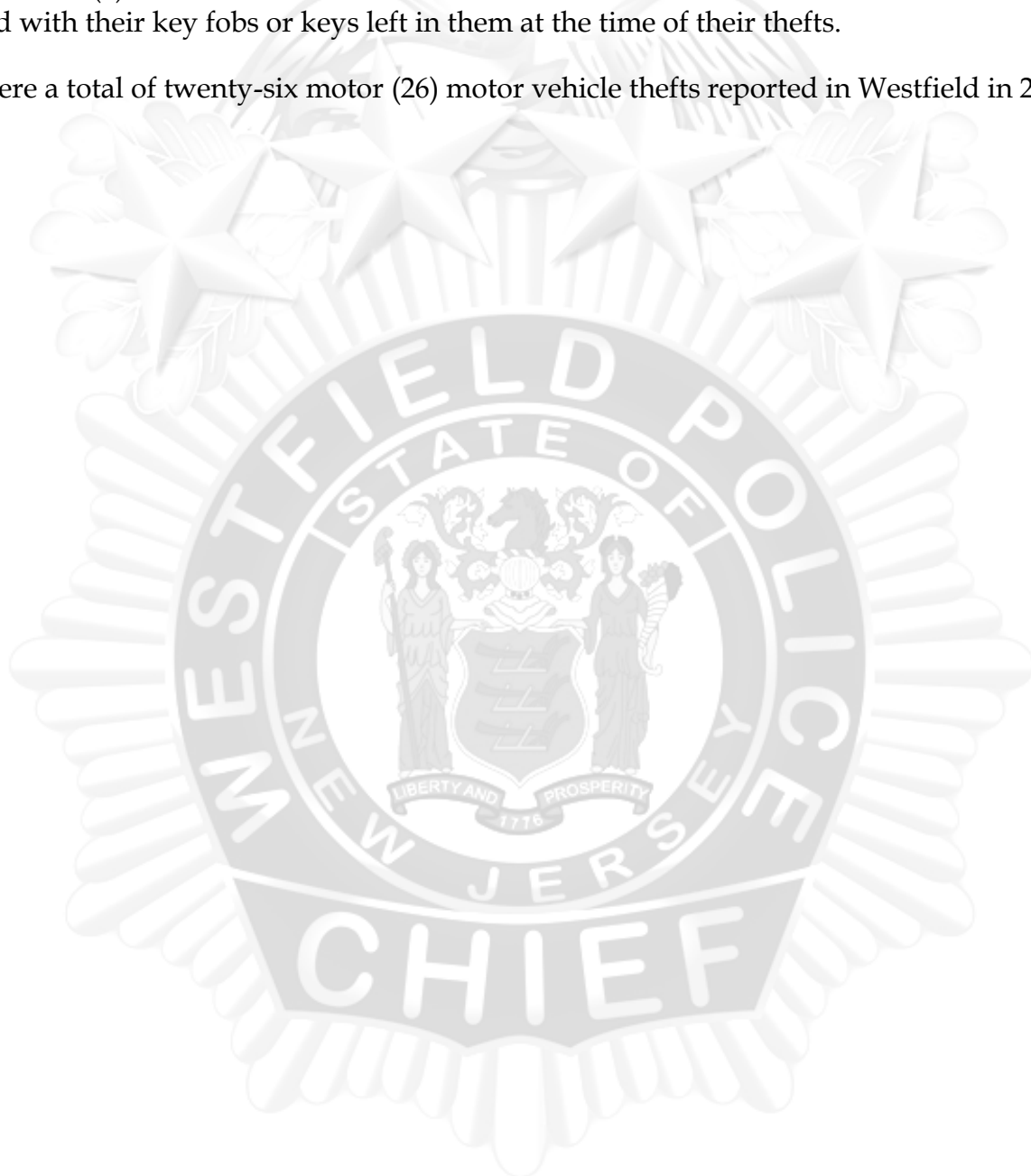


“We are doing everything we can to try to eradicate Westfield’s on-going motor vehicle theft problem,” stated Chief Battiloro, “and this includes assigning personnel to the New Jersey State Police Motor Vehicle Crimes North Unit to investigate Westfield’s motor vehicle thefts.”

However, Chief Battiloro stated “motor vehicle thefts will undoubtedly continue until Westfield residents start taking proper action to protect their property.” This includes “locking their vehicles, taking their keys, hiding their things, and doing their part.”

Westfield has received reports of six (6) motor vehicle thefts thus far this year, including three (3) in the last two (2) weeks. In all such instances, it is believed the stolen motor vehicles were left unlocked with their key fobs or keys left in them at the time of their thefts.

There were a total of twenty-six motor (26) motor vehicle thefts reported in Westfield in 2020.



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