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On 5/27/2017 the Clark County Sheriff's Office received reports from several registered campers of Mill Creek Park. The reports included missing hand tools, flares, and a fire extinguisher all from the overflow parking lot near the concession stand. At the time of the report several nearby campers all reported seeing several people that appeared to be juveniles in and around the area during the time frame, they were also able to give a general campsite from where the "juveniles" were staying. Additional general reports were made of seeing flares the during the overnight hours, hearing a distress air horn several times throughout the night and also a report of a fire extinguisher being discharged and discarded. The tools that were stolen were recovered near the truck they were taken out of, sitting in the grass. Other evidence such as used flare casings and a discharged fire extinguisher were located.

The campsite where the reported juveniles were staying was located and the father stated that the "kids" were gone but would be back shortly. The father also indicated he had located several bottles of alcohol which he assumed were stolen. The father turned those items over to law enforcement. When the juveniles returned it was determined that only two were involved and one was a 15 year old juvenile and the other was an 18 year old. The other two were juveniles and were with them earlier in the evening but had left and went separate ways prior to the incidents reported. The juvenile and the 18 year old were interviewed at the campsite and more bottles of alcohol were located hidden in the woods immediately behind the campsite.

The juvenile and 18 year old were transported to the Sheriff's Office. The juvenile was found to be on juvenile probation in Edgar County for a previously felony conviction. The juvenile was notified of the intent to request a preliminary charge of disorderly conduct from the States Attorney until he could review the case for any additional

appropriate charges after a report was filed and formal charges could be filed. The 18 year old was notified of the intent to request preliminary charges of disorderly conduct and contributing to the delinquency of a minor from the States Attorney until he could review the case for any additional appropriate charges after a report was filed and formal charges could be filed. It is to be noted at the time these individuals were taken into custody all the complainants were unavailable to complete written complaints and statements as they were gone for the day (it was a long weekend and they had left the area for the day). Both individuals were processed at the Sheriff's Office, the juvenile was released to the custody of his parent, the 18 year old posted bond and was released.

The following morning on 5/28/2017 another complainant had left a message that he had several bottles of alcohol missing from the previous day, taken from his campsite. The Sheriff's Office also received a telephone call from a Paris Police Officer who advised he had been called to the juvenile's residence for an unrelated matter. During that contact the Paris Police Officer received information that the previous day the juvenile had contact with law enforcement in Clark County and that there was a gun stolen and was hidden at the campsite in Mill Creek Park. The Sheriff's Office went immediately to the area described and located a small (possibly antique) unloaded revolver at the base of a tree near the campsite, the firearm was cleared, made safe and collected. The information stated the 18 year old was the person who stole the firearm and hid it prior to law enforcement arriving at the campsite. A deputy went to the residence of the 18 year old and spoke with the 18 year old and his parents. It was revealed the gun was stolen from that residence in Westfield IL the previous day, however the 18 year old asserted the juvenile stole the firearm and took it to Mill Creek Park and once there was advised a Deputy was on the way, causing him to hide the stolen firearm prior to the deputy's arrival. The 18 year old was transported to the Clark County Sheriff's Office and was interviewed. The 18 year old was released without additional charges being requested, however was notified the States Attorney would make a determination of any additional formal charges once he received and reviewed the report.

The juvenile was brought to the Clark County Sheriff's Office by a parent and was interviewed. Based on the interview the juvenile was notified of the intent to request two additional preliminary charges from the States Attorney for Theft of a Firearm and Possession of a Firearm, until the States Attorney had an opportunity to receive and review the incident report and formally file charges if he chose. The Clark County Sheriff's Office requested the juvenile be held in detention based on previous criminal history and the severity of the new request of additional charges to the States Attorney. Arrangements were being made to detain the juvenile pending a hearing before a judge within 48 hours. The one facility contacted was full and would not accept the juvenile. The Clark County Sheriff's Office was directed to release the juvenile to a parent pending

formal charges and notification from the States Attorney's Office. The juvenile was released to a parent and left our facility.

The 18 year old adult is identified as Dalton L. Oakley, 1/21/99, of Westfield IL.