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Press Release

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Seven Suspects Arrested After Early Morning Burglary

January 18, 2016 – (Highland Park, Texas) – This morning around 6:20 a.m., an off duty officer working at Highland Park Village, a shopping center located at the corner of Preston Road and Mockingbird Lane, observed two minivans in the roadway which he believed had been involved in a minor collision. Upon further investigation, the officer found that one of the minivans, a burgundy, 2002 Dodge had intentionally crashed into a large display window on the west side of the Chanel Store. The officer radioed for assistance, and both minivans fled the scene in a northwest direction. The burgundy minivan was found abandoned in the middle of the roadway in the 4400 block of Mockingbird Parkway, and the suspects fled on foot. The second minivan, a white, 1998 Plymouth (later confirmed stolen out of Richardson PD), was located in an alley near Germany Park, 6400 block of Lomo Alto Drive.

University Park Police Department, Dallas Police Department, and Texas Department of Public Safety assisted Highland Park Department of Public Safety (HPDPS) with the search of the burglary suspects.

- 6:45 a.m.: Officers located and arrested two burglary suspects near Germany Park, the area where the white minivan had been abandoned.
- 7:55 a.m.: Officers located and arrested four burglary suspects in the 4400 block of Potomac Avenue. These four suspects tried to conceal their location by hiding in the backyard of a residence
- 10:12 a.m.: Officers responded to a suspicious person call near Normandy Avenue and Preston Road. Officers located the individual in the 4200 block of Normandy Avenue, and HPDPS investigators were able to tie the suspect with the burglary offense.

Five of the suspects arrested were adults, and two were juveniles. The seven suspects will be charged as follows: 1) Theft of Property, 1st Degree Felony due to dollar amount stolen; and 2) Criminal Mischief, a State Jail Felony. HPDPS investigators have inventoried the recovered stolen property: 1) Handbags – 45 recovered, each with a value between \$2,000 and \$15,000; and 2) one pair of womens shoes valued at \$1,400. The stolen property was recovered from the two mini-vans, and some of the suspects were in possession of the stolen property. HPDPS investigators are working with Chanel staff to determine the total number and dollar amount of items stolen from the store.

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