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Teenage car thief faces multiple charges

Boca Raton, FL – The first crime was discovered on Saturday, December 10th, 2011 at the Tri-Rail Station, 680 West Yamato Road. The victim told Boca Raton Police officers that he parked his Dodge Caravan on Thursday, December 8th and when he returned to it on Saturday, the van was gone. While officers were investigating this case, they discovered an abandoned Dodge Neon in the parking lot, which had been reported stolen with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. The officer processed the Neon and recovered several latent prints.

The next theft happened on Wednesday, December 14, when another Dodge Caravan was stolen from the Advent Lutheran Church, 300 East Yamato Road. The vehicle was parked at 6:00 p.m. and discovered stolen at just before 8:00 p.m. On Thursday, December 22, a 2001 Dodge Neon was stolen from the Irishman, 1939 NW 2nd Avenue. The final theft happened on Thursday, December 29, at Cinemark Theater, 3200 Airport Road. A Dodge Ram pick-up truck was stolen from the parking lot between 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The investigating Boca Raton detective, Robert Adams, was notified that a latent print recovered from the Dodge Neon found at the Tri-Rail Station was identified as belonging to Alexander Berrian. Berrian's print was also recovered from the Dodge Neon stolen from the Irishman and recovered in Lake Worth. On January 3rd, Detective Adams contacted detectives with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Auto Theft Task Force to check on the status of Berrian and was told he had just been picked up on their charges. Detective Adams interviewed Berrian at the Sheriff's Office and learned that he was involved in the theft of all four cars stolen in Boca Raton and with dumping the Neon at the Tri-Rail station.

Boca Raton Detectives charged Berrian with four counts of grand theft of a motor vehicle and one count of grand theft, for stealing tools that were in the Dodge Ram stolen from Cinemark Theater. As certain vehicle models are very easy to steal, citizens should research their cars and take appropriate steps to prevent theft.

Arrested: Alexander Berrian
16 years old
Palm Beach Gardens, FL



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