

City of Gulfport

# News Release



Police Department PIO

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*Chief Alan Weatherford today announced that:*

Case # : 10-007031

On March 05, 2010, the Gulfport Police Department arrested 17 year old white male Andrew Joseph Rowell of Gulfport and charged him with five counts of vehicle burglary. Also arrested was 17 year old white male Christopher Paul Ellerman of Gulfport who was charged with five counts of vehicle burglary and one count of possession of a stolen firearm.

On March 08, 2010, the Gulfport Police Department arrested 17 year old black male Demetrius Deon Lovett of Gulfport and charged him with five counts of vehicle burglary.

The arrests stem from an investigation into numerous vehicle burglary complaints initiated on February 24, 2010, in the Crystal Wells Subdivision where GPS systems, electronics and other items were stolen. Through the course of the investigation Rowell, Ellerman, and Lovett were developed as suspects. As search at Rowell's residence yielded several of the stolen items along with others that had not been reported. Also recovered was a handgun stolen out of Harrison County which was linked to Ellerman.

Rowell and Ellerman were arrested on scene without incident.

Rowell and Ellerman were incarcerated at the Harrison County Adult Detention Center. Rowell was charged with five counts of burglary with a bond of \$25,000.00. Ellerman was charged with five counts of burglary and possession of stolen property with a bond of \$35,000.00 (\$5,000.00 per burglary and \$10,000.00 of possession of the stolen firearm). Both bonds were set by Harrison County Justice Court Judge Gene Dedeaux.

On March 08, 2010, Lovett was arrested at his residence for the outstanding burglary warrants. Lovett was incarcerated at the Harrison County Adult Detention Center in lieu of a \$50,000.00 bond (\$10,000.00 per count) set by Harrison County Justice Court Judge Diane Ladner.

Approved for release by: \_\_\_\_\_

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Weatherford", written over a horizontal line.

Date: March 08, 2010

*"Building a safer Gulfport together"*