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Subject: Criminal Mischief Investigations

On August 1, 2023 Schuyler Police began taking reports of several vehicles with broken out windows and graffiti spray painted on them. The seven vandalisms occurred overnight and involved one semi-truck, a semi-trailer, and five vehicles parked in random areas of town. Surveillance video discovered during the investigation determined that the same suspect's vehicle was likely involved in all of the incidents and matched similar vandalisms occurring in the City of Columbus.

On August 2, 2023 Officers with the Schuyler Police Department were made aware that the Columbus Police Department had identified a suspect in their vandalism cases. A Schuyler Police Detective working with Columbus Police Officers interviewed a suspect, an additional three more suspects were identified. During follow up interviews, Officers obtained a confession and recovered the instrument used to break out the windows. Estimated damages to the seven vehicles involved are between \$8,000-\$9,000 total.

The four suspects all 16-year-old females from Columbus were issued Citations to appear in Colfax County Court for Criminal Mischief. Charges are being forwarded to the Colfax County Attorney. This positive outcome would not have been possible without the assistance of the public and the Columbus Police Department.

