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ARREST RELEASE

DATE & TIME **06/24/13 1:45 PM**

Bureau: **Field Services Bureau**

Authorized Supervisor: **Lieutenant Patrick HOey**

Phone: **815-987-5744**

Incident: **Theft of Air Conditioner Arrests**

MESSAGE

On Sunday, June 23, 2013 at approximately 8:05 pm the owner of the Crimson Ridge Florist, 737 N. Perryville Road called the Rockford Department to report that two subjects just stole two of the businesses central air conditioning units. The owner of Crimson Ridge advised that the two subjects placed the central air conditioners in the bed of a black pickup truck and that he was now following the pickup truck.

A Cherry Valley Police Officer stopped the truck on Newburg Road and with the assistance of Rockford Patrol Officers the two subjects were taken into custody.

Upon investigation it was learned that the two suspects took a total of five central air conditioners from Crimson Ridge by cutting the piping and wiring of the units.

The suspects were identified as:

Paul A. Blommaert, W/M 51 years old, 8100 block of Shore Drive, Machesney Park, IL

- Felony Theft
- Criminal Damage to Property

Carl A. Blommaert, W/M 48 years old, 1300 block of S. 6th Street, Rockford, IL

- Felony Theft
- Criminal Damage to Property

They were lodged in the Winnebago County Jail.

The charges against Paul and Carl Blommaert are mere accusations, they are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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