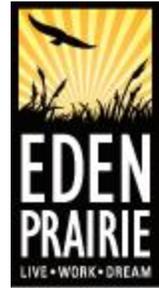


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STATEMENT REGARDING STOLEN VEHICLE CRASH

Eden Prairie, Minn. — At approximately 12:08 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, Eden Prairie Police attempted to stop the driver of a motor vehicle traveling westbound on Highway 494 at a speed well over the posted limit. When the driver did not stop, a chase ensued and the vehicle crashed and caught fire near the intersection of Viking Drive and Washington Avenue. The vehicle, a gray 1998 Audi, was reported stolen in Chisago County on June 20, 2011.

The driver of the motor vehicle is believed to have fled the scene on foot and Eden Prairie Police, with assistance from the Bloomington and Edina Police Departments, as well as the Hennepin County Sheriff's Department and the Minnesota State Patrol, were unable to locate the individual. The Edina Fire Department responded to the scene and extinguished the motor vehicle fire.

At approximately 3:22 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, Eden Prairie Police responded to a report of a tamper with auto in progress on the 8300 block of Mitchell Road. A suspect was located at the scene and was in possession of a black 2004 Chevrolet Silverado, which had been stolen from the 12500 block of Crowfoot Court in Eden Prairie sometime overnight.

Jacob David Szok (DOB 8-3-92) of Red Wing, Minn. was arrested and is being held on probable cause for theft of a motor vehicle. Police believe Szok may also be responsible for the motor vehicle theft in Chisago County and the crash in Eden Prairie, and are investigating whether additional suspects were involved.

In both motor vehicle thefts, the vehicles were left unsecured with keys inside. As a result, Eden Prairie Police would like to remind the public to lock motor vehicles, even when they are parked in a driveway or garage, and never leave valuables or keys inside.

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