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Harrisonburg Teens Charged with Burglary

On December 20, 2015 at approximately 8:30 PM Officers with the Harrisonburg Police Department and the James Madison University Police Department were patrolling areas of off-campus student housing when they noticed an open window and door to a residence on Village Lane. Upon further investigation, the officers encountered two individuals inside the residence and engaged the individuals in a short foot pursuit.   The officers apprehended the subjects, a male and a female, who were both 17 year-old Harrisonburg residents. The subjects were in possession of stolen property, which included electronics and other items.

The suspects were detained and held at the Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Detention Center. Criminal charges include burglary, resisting arrest, and simple assault on a law enforcement officer, which occurred when one of the subjects was attempting to escape from the residence. No apparent injuries resulted from the assault on the officer.

As in years past, the Harrisonburg Police Department and James Madison University Police Department have assigned officers to conduct burglary patrols in areas of traditional off-campus student housing during the winter break. Officers will continue to use increased patrols and other tactics to curb burglary and other offenses that are prone to take place during the holidays.