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Colonial Heights Police Uncover Theft Ring

On July 30, 2019, Colonial Heights Police discovered a theft ring operating at two area UPS (United Parcel Service) Stores. On this date, a Colonial Heights Police Officer using investigating methods discovered a large number of cell phones that were being sold at electronic kiosks in Colonial Heights and the City of Petersburg. Using surveillance footage, the officer was able to determine that four individuals were selling phones and that three of the four individuals worked for the UPS Store. Based on this information, the officer contacted UPS management and identified three of the individuals as current UPS Store employees from Colonial Heights and Fort Lee. Working with UPS, the officer was able to locate several victims. These individuals reported taking electronic devices to the UPS Store, in order to receive service from their wireless provider. The carriers, reported receiving empty packages. It was determined that beginning in May of 2019, the UPS employees began removing electronic devices from shipping packages and then selling them at electronic kiosk stations as well as to private individuals. This officer, with the assistance of UPS, was able to identify those involved as Aaron Terill Grier, Michael Gerard Parrish, Ryan Austin Patrick and Daniel Eugene Shawn Grier.

The following four individuals have been arrested, charged and were taken to Riverside Regional Jail pending their next court appearance in Colonial Heights General District Court.

Aaron Terill Grier

20 years of age of the 3800 Block of River Road, Hopewell Virginia

Charged with: Grand Larceny, Embezzlement, Conspiracy, and (3) three counts of Obtain Money by False Pretense.

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Ryan Austin Patrick

20 years of age of the 3000 Block of Union Branch Road, Petersburg Virginia

Charged with Embezzlement, Conspiracy, and (3) three counts of Obtain Money by False Pretense.

Michael Gerard Parrish

18 years of age of the 4000 Block of Estelle Court, Hopewell Virginia

Charged with Embezzlement, Conspiracy, and (3) three counts of Obtain Money by False Pretense.

Daniel Eugene Shawn Grier

18 years of age of the 3800 Block of River Road, Hopewell Virginia

Charged with Receiving Stolen Property, Conspiracy to Receive Stolen Property and (3) three counts of Obtain Money by False Pretense.

Colonial Heights Police suspect there are more victims out there and we continue to investigate this crime. We ask anyone with information to contact Officer D.W. Aleshire at (804) 520-9300 or by email at aleshired@colonialheightsva.gov or if you would like to remain anonymous, contact the Chesterfield County/Colonial Heights Crime Solvers at (804) 748-0660, or text using the  mobile app.

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