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DATE: 12/25/2009

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Home Burglary

CASE NO.: 09420892

INCIDENT DATE :12/24/2009

INCIDENT TIME: 10:57 PM

INCIDENT LOCATION: 1031 West Fourth Street

SUBJECT: Police Arrest two in Christmas Eve Home Burglary

BY: Officer Brad Wick, Information Coordinator

Police Arrest Two for Christmas Eve Home Burglary

On Thursday, December 24th, 2009 at 23:17 hours, Duluth Police responded to 1031 West Fourth Street on the report that the owner had just returned home and found the back door open. When officers arrived, it was determined that the home had been burglarized and several items were missing.

Officers found tracks leading from the rear of the home to the alley where they found some of the items taken in the burglary. While officers were in the alley, they observed a vehicle pull into the alley with three male occupants. The vehicle left quickly after seeing the officers. Officers stopped the vehicle and the three males fled from it on foot. Two males were located within a short time and taken into custody while the third male was not located. Officers determined all three were involved in the home burglary and returning to the alley to pick up the stolen property.

The first suspect, Michael Scott Sampson, age 18 of Duluth, has been lodged at the St. Louis County Jail pending formal charges for Burglary in the Third Degree, Fleeing Police on Foot, and Giving a False Name to Police. The second suspect in custody, a 17 year old Duluth male, has been lodged at the Arrowhead Juvenile Center pending formal charges for Burglary in the Third Degree and Fleeing Police on Foot. A third male suspect is not yet in custody.

The investigation into the incident is ongoing and no further information is available at. The Duluth Police Department would like to thank the following agencies who assisted in this incident: the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office; the Minnesota State Patrol; the University of Minnesota-Duluth Police; and the United States Border Patrol.