



# LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP

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## PRESS RELEASE

### COLD SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD CRIMINAL MISCHIEF INCIDENTS

The Lower Providence Township Police Department is investigating a series of criminal incidents involving extensive property damage that occurred overnight in the Cold Springs neighborhood in the Colledgeville section of the Township.

The incidents include the setting of a vehicle on fire, which ignited the garage door adjacent to the vehicle, the drifting of a vehicle from a driveway, thefts from vehicles, the puncturing of tires, throwing eggs at vehicles and the scratching of paint on vehicles.

At this time, there have been in excess of forty incidents of damaged property reported to the Lower Providence Township Police Department. The initial report was received at 2:29 A.M. in the 3700 block of Worthington Road in which police and fire personnel responded to a report of a vehicle fire. The Lower Providence Township Volunteer Fire Company extinguished the fire, which caused extensive damage to the vehicle that was parked in a residential driveway, and caused moderate damage to the garage door and the interior of the garage of the residence. The residence was occupied at the time of the fire and the occupants evacuated the home safely. The cause of the vehicle fire was determined to be suspicious and is presently being investigated by the Lower Providence Township Fire Marshal. Police personnel discovered additional acts of vandalism throughout the neighborhood, that included flattened tires, scratched vehicle paint and egg damaged vehicles. Subsequently, additional reports were received from property owners of additional damage and several vehicles that had been entered and property removed from those vehicles.

At this point in the investigation it is believed that the incidents occurred sometime between 10:30 P.M. on Monday evening and 2:20 A.M. on Tuesday morning.

It is requested that anyone having information concerning this investigation contact the Lower Providence Township Police Department at 610-539-5900.

A reward of \$1,000.00 is being offered for information that leads to the arrest and successful prosecution of the individual or individuals involved in this matter.

Chief Francis L. Carroll  
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