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The Northwest Lancaster County Regional Police have charged four individuals who are responsible for a vandalism spree that caused wide spread damage. The spree occurred during the late night hours of 3 November 2008 into the early morning hours of 4 November 2008.

The suspects went on a widespread spree smashing mail boxes and vehicle windows. Several of the vehicles had more than one window smashed. There were a total of at least 7 mailboxes, and 18 vehicles with 25 windows smashed. The estimated damage is in excess of \$8,000.00.

Most of the incidents occurred in the area of Mt. Pleasant Rd. and Snyder Rd. in Mount Joy Township. There also was one incident in Mount Joy Borough and possibly several other incidents in Rapho Township. These other investigations are being conducted by the Mount Joy Borough Police Department and the Pennsylvania State Police. Alcohol abuse appears to have played a part in the suspects driving around and randomly smashing the mailboxes and vehicle windows with a baseball bat and nunchakus.

Chief Gatchell of the Northwest Regional Police Department credits good police work for solving these crimes. Often these types of crimes occurring in the middle of the night are among the most difficult to solve. During this particular spree, it appeared that one of the suspects had cut themselves on a piece of glass while smashing a window. Off. Michael Bryant had a hunch that a group of individuals that he was familiar with could have possibly been involved. His hunch paid off when he went to the residence of Gregory Schmitt and found Schmitt to have fresh lacerations and abrasions on his right hand.

As a result of the investigation, Officer Michael Bryant charged the below individuals each with (5) Misdemeanor of the 2nd degree counts of Criminal



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Mischief, (8) Summary counts of Criminal Mischief, (1) Misdemeanor of the 2nd degree count of Criminal Conspiracy to Commit Criminal Mischief and (1) Misdemeanor of the 1st degree count of Possessing Instruments of Crime.

Suspects:

**#1- Cory David Goldman M/19 YOA
1500 block of NW 4th Ave.
Boca Raton, FL**

**#2- Gregory Wayne Schmitt M/19 YOA
800 block of Main St.
Mount Joy, PA**

**#3- Robert Blair West M/18 YOA
100 block of S. Angle St.
Mount Joy, PA**

#4- 17 YOA Mount Joy Township Juvenile

