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MEDIA RELEASE

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UPDATED MEDIA RELEASE

The investigation into this incident culminated with search warrants being served at two additional residences in Decorah resulting in more arrests in this case.

On October 3, 2023, a 17 year old juvenile male from Decorah Iowa was charged with :

Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree (Class D Felony)

Criminal Mischief 3rd-Hate Crime (D Felony)

Trespass with Intent to Commit a Hate Crime (Aggravated Misdemeanor)

Possession of Marijuana-(Serious Misdemeanor)

He has been referred to Juvenile Court Services.

On October 17, 2023, an 18 year old male from Decorah, identified as Jose Macias Torres, turned himself in to law enforcement on warrants charging him with:

Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree (Class D Felony)

Criminal Mischief 3rd-Hate Crime (D Felony)

Trespass with Intent to Commit a Hate Crime (Aggravated Misdemeanor)

He was booked into the Winneshiek County Jail. Attached is the booking photo of Jose Macias Torres

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On September 17. 2023, the Decorah Police Department and the Winneshiek County Sheriff's Office were notified of multiple buildings in Decorah, as well as areas on the bike path, skate park and streets/alleys that were defaced and vandalized by spray paint during the overnight hours. The vandalism included hate speech that was both shocking and criminal. The reports of these crimes were taken very seriously and both agencies worked diligently together, investigating, interviewing, serving search warrants and collecting evidence in this case. Due to the dedicated efforts of law enforcement, suspects were quickly identified. An individual has been charged in this matter, at this time.

Caeden-Philip Andrew Kinyua Nyanjenga-18 years old of Decorah Iowa has been charged with the following:

Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree (Class D Felony)

Criminal Mischief 3rd-Hate Crime (D Felony)

Trespass with Intent to Commit a Hate Crime (Aggravated Misdemeanor)

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The investigation into this matter continues, with additional arrests anticipated. Anyone with information regarding this case is encouraged to contact the Decorah Police Department at 563-382-3667 or the Winneshiek County Sheriff's Office at 563-382-4268. Additional information will be released as warranted.

Due to Media Requests—attached is the booking photo of Caeden-Philip Andrew Kinyua Nyanjenga-18 years old of Decorah Iowa

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