

# City of Hailey

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### **Early Morning Crime Spree leads to 5 arrests**

On 05/13/14 a marked Blaine County Sheriff's Office vehicle, a white 2003 GMC Yukon had been vandalized in front of Nelson's Auto (111 South River Street). The damage was extensive to the Yukon; "pigs" was spray painted on the hood in what appeared to be a copper color, and the vandals also spray painted the sides of the Yukon and the passenger's side tires, rims, and the front passenger's side window and back window was completely broken out. While investigating this crime numerous other vandalisms, vehicle and home burglaries reports began inundating the Hailey and Ketchum Police Departments. In addition, two cars were stolen, one in Hailey and one in Ketchum. Hailey had numerous cars on the west side of River Street vandalized; mainly busted windows. Hailey PD then learned the burglaries originated on the east side of Woodside where several cars were burglarized along with a garage. Numerous items were stolen in Woodside, including a credit card that was used that allowed the Hailey Police to identify the suspects involved in the crimes. The suspects stole a 2003 Honda Element from Hailey and drove to Ketchum where the crime spree continued. A Ketchum residence on North 4th Avenue in Ketchum was burglarized, where the front door had been forced open and the home had been ransacked. Items stolen from the home burglary included a female engagement ring, MacBook Pro laptop, a backpack full of camera equipment, and two rifles and a shotgun, and other miscellaneous items were missing as well as items being broken. There were numerous vehicle burglaries in the same area. The Honda Element was left in Ketchum and a Ford Explorer was stolen from Evergreen Lane in Ketchum for the suspects to return to Hailey. After the Hailey Police identified the suspects, the Ketchum Police and Bellevue Marshal's Office joined the investigation lead by Lt. Steve England.

Most of the stolen property and both of the stolen vehicles were recovered throughout the course of the investigation. If anyone believes they are missing items from their vehicles or home from the night of May 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, please call the Hailey Police, as we have items that were recovered and unaccounted for.

There were three arrests made; a 17-year-old Bellevue Juvenile male who was charged with numerous counts of Burglary, Felony Malicious Injury to Property, and Felony Possession of a Financial Transaction Card; 21-year-old David Aranda of Hailey who was charged with numerous counts of Burglary, Felony Malicious Injury to Property, Felony Possession of a Financial Transaction Card, and Violation of a No Contact Order; 23-year-old Juan Molina-Lopez of Hailey who was charged with numerous counts of Burglary, Felony Malicious Injury to Property, and Violation of a No Contact Order. Two other people were also arrested during the investigation for Obstructing and Delaying a Police Officer; 18-year-old Elijah Sanabria and a 16-year-old Juvenile male, both of Hailey.