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## Press Release

### **Westport Police Identify Additional Burglary Suspects and Link Them to Multiple Other Crimes**

(Westport, CT) - On December 28, 2018, Xavier Medel, 19, of Bridgeport, was arrested and charged for his involvement in a December 23<sup>rd</sup> burglary at a Sandhopper Trail address. Medel was unable to post his \$250,000 court set bond and was transported to Norwalk Court earlier this morning for arraignment.

With the assistance of the community, patrol officers and detectives worked tirelessly over the holidays to link Medel to additional crimes committed in Westport. Westport investigators were also able to identify two juvenile suspects. Both suspects are 17 year old males from Norwalk, CT. After days of diligent investigation, detectives determined the trio was responsible for multiple Westport crimes; 6 residential burglaries, 14 motor vehicle break-ins, two stolen cars and numerous larcenies. The crime spree targeted homes and vehicles on Sandhopper Trail, Crystal Circle, Gault Avenue, Oak Ridge Park, Keyser Road, Evergreen Avenue, Gorham Avenue and Brooklawn Drive. Investigators have since recovered an extensive amount of stolen property including four stolen cars (2 Audis, 1 Mercedes and 1 Chevrolet), computers, a bicycle and a purse.

The Westport Police Detective Bureau continues to investigate these incidents, recover additional stolen property and coordinate with surrounding jurisdictions in which the trio are suspects in similar crimes. Additional arrest warrants are anticipated for Xavier Medel and arrests of the two juvenile suspects are forthcoming.

In all of these cases, the homes and vehicles had been left unlocked. We continue to urge Westport residents to lock their homes, garages and vehicles every night as well as removing valuables from their vehicles and turning on exterior lights and security systems. These simple steps, often overlooked, can help prevent residents from becoming victims of burglary and theft.

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