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Arrest – Vehicle Burglary & other Related Charges

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On 7/12/2016, at 5:48 a.m., patrol officers from the Normal Police Department located Marquel K. Butler, a 22-year-old male from Bloomington, breaking into vehicles in the 1500 block of Torrey Pines Road in Normal. Upon arrival, the male fled from officers and was apprehended after a short foot pursuit. The male still had in his possession a number of stolen items relating to the burglaries, including magazines with firearm ammunition and a quantity of prescription narcotics. Normal Police identified additional victims in the immediate area including Phaeton Place, Landau Lane, Surrey, and Stanhope Lane. In addition, Butler was linked to other vehicle burglaries that occurred in late June in the areas of Belt Avenue and Lara Road. Police linked Butler to these crimes through stolen credit cards taken during the burglaries and used illegally at local retailers in the twin cities.

Butler is being held at the McLean County Jail in lieu of $20,000 cash bond on the following charges:

BURGLARY – (8 COUNTS)
USE FORGED CR/DEBIT CARD/>$300 (3 COUNTS)
POSSESS AMOUNT (UP TO 15 GRAMS) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION / NO FOID
RESIST/PC OFF/CORR EMP/FRFTR

Butler is currently on parole and the Illinois Department of Corrections has issued a warrant to return him immediately to IDOC custody.

The Normal Police Department would like to remind the public to lock your vehicles, garages and homes. Most burglaries occur when these are left unlocked and electronics, money and other valuables are plainly visible. The Normal Police Department is committed to preventing thefts and burglaries but we need your help to keep property safe. Always secure valuables and report suspicious activity in your neighborhood by calling 911.

*** All suspects are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law ***