

Public Information Release

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On July 7th at approximately 4:30am, the Acworth Police Department responded to a call in reference to a man breaking into vehicles in a residential neighborhood. The caller observed the suspect, later identified as Samuel Andrew Moyer (22) of Dallas, flipping door handles of unlocked cars and stealing items. The caller also advised that while he was on the phone with 911 dispatchers, the suspect attempted to make entry into his garage. The caller later observed the suspect enter the residence across the street from his home.

Officers arrived at the residence that the suspect was said to have entered, and after a consensual search of the home, located Moyer hiding in an upstairs bedroom. Moyer was found to be in possession of items that had been stolen from the complainant's vehicle and others and was also in possession of illegal narcotics. Once in custody, Moyer attempted to exit the patrol car by kicking the divider between the front and rear compartments of the vehicle and trying to climb through. Moyer was charged with Burglary, Entering Auto with Intent to Commit Theft, Theft by Taking, VGCSA Marijuana, Possession of Barbiturates, Possession of Drug Related Objects, and Loitering or Prowling.

The crime of Entering Autos with the Intent to Commit Theft has been an area of concern in the Metro Atlanta area. We are grateful to have been able to quickly identify and arrest this offender and remove him from our community. One reason that this was possible, is that a concerned citizen immediately called 911 when he noticed something out of the ordinary. So, if you see something, say something. The Acworth Police Department would also like to remind citizens to please lock their vehicles at night. Most instances of Entering Autos occur when offenders walk through neighborhoods flipping door handles and hoping to find something to steal from unlocked cars. Finally, if you have a camera system on your home or business, we encourage you to register it with the Acworth Camera Connection. Registration does not give the police access to your camera, but it lets the us know that there is one on the premises. When a camera may have captured video of a crime in progress, the police will be able to ask for permission to view the video and potentially solve the case. For more information about the Acworth Camera Connection, please visit www.acworthpolice.org.