

## News Release 09/25/14 - UPDATE



On Friday, September 26, 2014 Smyrna Police Department arrested a second suspect in the copper thefts from this past May that occurred at the Smyrna Middle School where approximately \$27,000 in damage was done. Tyler Caputo, 19, of the unit block of Salerno Drive Smyrna, DE was charged with one (1) count of Theft \$1500 or Greater, two (2) counts of Criminal Mischief \$5000 or more, two (2) counts of Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, and two (2) counts of Criminal Trespass 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. Caputo was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court 2 via video phone and committed to the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center in default of \$10,002 secured bail.

Investigators have reason to believe that additional suspects were involved in these crimes and the Smyrna Police Department is asking anyone with information about the thefts to contact Det. Jessica Weller at (302) 653-9217.

### **\*\*\* Previously Released \*\*\***

On Thursday, September 25, 2014 the Smyrna Police Department after a lengthy criminal investigation arrested Carl Henderson, 33, of the 200 block of Silver Birch Lane, Bear, DE in connection with copper thefts from the Smyrna Middle School located at 700 Duck Creek Parkway on Monday, May 12, 2014 and Tuesday, May 13, 2014 as well as copper theft from the Delaware Public Health Lab located at 30 Sunnyside Road on August 18, 2014. Detectives determined that individuals accessed the roof at both facilities and removed large amounts of copper from the buildings causing approximately \$27,000 in damage to the Smyrna Middle School and \$3,175 in damage to the Public Health Lab. Henderson was arrested for two (2) counts of Theft \$1500 and greater, two (2) counts of Criminal Mischief over \$5000, two (2) counts of Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, and three (2) counts of Criminal Trespass 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. Henderson was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court 2 via video phone and committed to the

Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in default of \$12,003 bail.

Investigators have reason to believe that Henderson was not alone and other individuals may have been involved or participated in these crimes. The Smyrna Police Department is asking that anyone with information about these crimes or additional suspects to contact Det. Jessica Weller at (302) 653-9217.