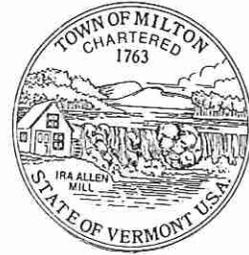




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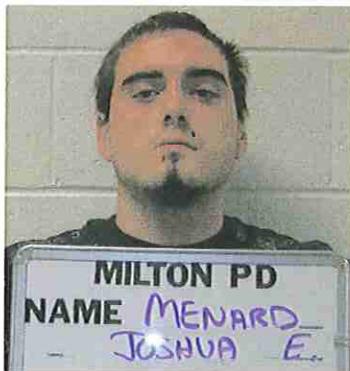
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PRESS RELEASE

Monday, January 26th, 2009

On January 23rd, 2009 the Milton Police Department arrested and charged Joshua Menard (18 yrs) and Cody Blackmer (18 yrs) both of Colchester in connection with the vandalisms to the Milton High School and Milton Family Community Center.



Joshua Menard was charged with: Accessory to Vandalism (Felony) and Petit Larceny.

Cody Blackmer was charged with: Vandalism (Felony), Obstruction of Justice, Leaving the Scene of an Accident and Petit larceny. Cody was on probation at the time of the incident and was lodged at the Chittenden County Correctional Center by the department of corrections for violating his probation.

Cody and Joshua had been charged and were scheduled to appear in Chittenden County District Court on Monday, January 26th, 2009 at 1015 hours to answer to these charges. More charges are expected on other participants in the vandalisms and arrest warrants have been filed with the court for at least one of those persons.

These charges stem from a rash of vandalisms throughout Milton on the night of January 8th, 2009. During the investigation it was learned that Cody Blackmer drove his vehicle along with Joshua Menard around Milton running over mailboxes. Cody also smashed through the Milton high school chain link fence in



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order to drive on the athletic fields. It was at this time that Cody rammed the high school doors with his vehicle. Cody and Joshua then drove down Villemaire Lane and ran over the Milton Family Center sign.

This vandalism spree caused several thousand dollars in property damage.

Cody and Joshua are also charged with Petit Larceny after they went into The Dam Store and stole beer on the night of January 6th, 2009.

Press Release dated January 9th, 2009:

On January 9, 2009, the Milton Police Department received several complaints of vandalism which occurred during the overnight hours. These vandalisms occurred throughout the village area of Milton and all appear to be related. In all cases, it appears as though a motor vehicle was intentionally crashed into items including mailboxes and fences. The same vehicle appears to have been involved in the destruction of the sign at the Milton Family Community Center. Damage was also caused at the Milton Jr/Sr High School where the vehicle was used in an attempt to smash through the front entrance doors to the high school. The vehicle also drove through a chain link fence on the high school property.

The estimated damage caused as a result of these vandalisms is expected to be several thousand dollars.

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