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## News Release 05/16/2023 23-09304, 23-09358, 23-09359 Stolen Vehicle/Hit & Run Accidents Boeke/Lincoln Ave.

## SUMMARY

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, shortly after 3:00 p.m., EPD Officers observed a red Dodge Journey traveling in the area of Boeke Rd. and Sycamore Ave. Officers confirmed that the vehicle had been reported stolen on May 15th. When Officers turned around to get behind the vehicle, it sped away. Shortly after, Dispatch received a report of a hit and run accident at the intersection of Boeke Rd. and Lincoln Ave. A red Dodge Journey ran into the back of a school bus and drove away. There was one student on the bus during the accident. The student had complaint of pain but did not have any serious injuries. It was determined that it was the same stolen Dodge Journey that Officers had seen driving past them moments earlier.

Another hit and run accident was reported at 901 S. Boeke. Witnesses reported seeing a red Dodge Journey driving recklessly before running into the yard at 901 S. Boeke. The landscape was damaged along with a water spigot. CenterPoint Energy was called to the scene to check for a possible gas leak. No one was reported to be injured during that accident. Witnesses did report that the vehicle appeared to be occupied by several young juveniles.

A short time later, the vehicle was located in the 1600 block of E Blackford Ave. by an EPD Officer. The vehicle was parked and was unoccupied. Witnesses reported seeing several young juveniles running away from the vehicle. The owner of the vehicle was notified that the vehicle had been located.

At this time, no arrests have been made. If you have information regarding these incidents and the individuals involved, please contact the EPD Auto Theft Unit at (812) 436-7968.