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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 3/7/18

Complaint Number: 17-109799

Type of Incident: Larceny of Tires and Rims

Detective: E. Brunner

Supervisor Approval: Sgt. B. Cammenga

On February 27, 2018 an auto dealership, near the city of Sparta, reported to the Kent County Sheriff's Office they found a couple of their vehicles on blocks after the tires and rims were removed. The incident appeared similar to complaints which were filed with the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office, Grandville Police Department and the Kentwood Police Department.

Because of the inter department sharing of information a suspect was developed. During the early morning hours of March 7, 2018, the Ionia County Sheriff's Office was notified of a potential similar theft which had just occurred in their county.

The suspect, Anthony Russo, a 30 year old resident of Ottawa County, was stopped by the Kent County Sheriff's Office and the stolen tires from Ionia County were located in his vehicle. Detectives were able to connect Russo to numerous thefts from car dealerships in the Greater Grand Rapids area over the last couple of months.

The Kent County Prosecutor's Office issued larceny from a motor vehicle along with receiving and concealing stolen property charges against Anthony Russo. He is currently being held on a \$20,000 bond at the Kent County Correctional Facility.