Juvenile arrest closes multiple cases

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Update: A second 15-year-old male suspect was arrested tonight for participating in this same series of crimes. He was booked into Juvenile Detention on the same charges as Suspect #1.The investigation is continuing. Additional suspects could be charged.

Original Release:

Caddo Sheriff's detectives believe a juvenile arrested earlier today is the likely link to several vehicle thefts and break-ins that occurred in the city and parish over the past few months, said Sheriff Steve Prator.

Sheriff's detectives located the 15-year-old male suspect at home in Shreveport while investigating two early morning cases. The first involved a smashed window on a truck in the 8500 block of Hatfield Gorman Road. The other was a stolen truck taken from a business in the same block. The stolen truck was later recovered by the Caddo Sheriff's Office under I-49 near West 84th Street.

Prints taken from the damaged truck and video taken from businesses visited by the suspect while the truck was in his possession led detectives to the juvenile suspect.

Further investigation connected the suspect to a March 27th case being investigated by CPSO (see April 1, 2015 news release) in which someone entered the property at 8650 Box Road and stole an International Freightliner truck. The truck was returned a few hours later. The suspects then broke into the business office and stole candy from a vending machine and spray paint. They walked to another business in the 8500 block of Box Road and spray painted a Dodge truck parked in a front parking lot.

Sheriff's Detectives Terry Richardson and Donnie Laney are investigating the cases and so far have charged the 15 year old with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, two counts of simple burglary, two counts of simple criminal property damage, and illegal possession of stolen things.

The teen also remains under investigation for similar offenses that occurred in Shreveport.

The case is still under investigation by CPSO. More charges and more suspects are possible, detectives said.