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Juvenile Steals His Caseworker's Car

Milwaukee, WI – On July 23, at 2:30 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to a call of a stolen car at the Day Health Center at 9201 W. Watertown Plank Road. The social worker drove a 13-year-old juvenile from a group home to the health center to get his medications checked. She was meeting with him in a conference room when he left to go to the restroom and did not return. She then noticed her car keys were missing.

Deputies were able to track the stolen vehicle through OnStar reports and located the vehicle at 49th Street and Medford Avenue at 4:00 p.m. The driver fled at a high rate of speed and OnStar remotely decelerated the car at 60th Street and Hope Avenue, and five subjects jumped out of the car.

Sheriff's deputies and Milwaukee police officers pursued them on foot and apprehended all five subjects.

Arrested along with the 13-year-old male driver were two males, ages 14 and 16, one who was on probation for Armed Robbery, and two females ages 13 and 14. The driver was on probation for Possession of a Firearm.

Statement from Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr.:

“Where do I begin? The take-aways from this incident are these:

- A. This kid is rotten to the core and has no redeeming qualities, that he would exploit a situation of someone trying to help him with his medication, and rip her car off. He couldn't contain himself to not commit a crime when the opportunity presented itself.
- B. The juvenile justice system in the state of Wisconsin has goals that are outdated. Their goal is to preserve the family unit where one no longer exists in Milwaukee's ghetto. Their other goal is to find the least restrictive means to deal with criminal behavior, that they call delinquency. 13-year-olds with guns, doing armed robberies and stealing cars are not delinquent. They are criminals in need of separation from law-abiding society.

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C. This inane idea of criminal justice reform and alternatives to incarceration, DOES NOT WORK. The 13-year-old in this incident received a stayed sentence (he was not held accountable and was put back into the ghetto.) Any juvenile with a gun should be placed at Lincoln Hills – the prison for kids.

When will the Milwaukee County Circuit Court judges stop their soft-on-crime insanity?”

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