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Excise Police Arrest Man Caught Stealing from Vehicle

MUNCIE, Ind. (Dec. 19) – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested a man after he allegedly broke into an unlocked vehicle in Muncie this afternoon.

Jacob R. Weaver, 19, of Muncie, was arrested on three charges after running from excise police officers.

Around 2:20 p.m., excise officers on patrol in an unmarked police car saw Weaver being chased by another man near N. McKinley Avenue and W. University Avenue in Muncie. Officers heard the pursuer yell “Stop! He stole my GPS!” He then continued to run after Weaver.

The officers stopped the pursuer and he yelled that Weaver just broke into his vehicle. They then turned on their red and blue lights and drove south on N. McKinley, where they saw Weaver near W. North Street. He continued running after seeing the officers’ lights. One of the excise officers then pursued Weaver of foot, yelling “Stop! Police officer!” The excise officers caught Weaver in the alley behind the 300 block of W. McKinley Avenue.

As the officers were handcuffing Weaver, the victim arrived and said Weaver broke into his vehicle and took a GPS device and some money. Weaver then shouted, “I didn’t take your GPS. I only took your money. If I took your GPS, why would I take the money?” Officers then located an undisclosed amount of cash taken from the vehicle in Weaver’s front pockets.

Weaver was preliminarily arrested for Theft (Class D Felony), Resisting Law Enforcement by Fleeing (A misdemeanor) and Unlawful Entry of a Vehicle (Class B Misdemeanor). He was taken to the Delaware County Jail.

“The ability excise officers have to patrol in unmarked vehicles allows them to more easily detect and act upon criminal activity more quickly,” Superintendent Matt Strittmatter said. Responding to and preventing all types of criminal activity is an important part of the agency’s mission.”

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. Excise officers enforce all state laws, but focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related violations.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.