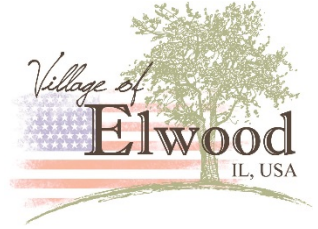


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Juveniles Charged with Park Damage



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TWO TEENS CHARGED FOR PARK VANDALISM

Elwood, Illinois – The Elwood Police Department announced the conclusion of a two week long investigation which resulted in two teenagers charged with vandalism to Lloyd Erickson Park, 801 N. Chicago Avenue. The incident was first reported to police, on March 30th, 2020 by Public Works Director Larry Lohmar after village employees discovered the damage during a routine inspection of park property.

Subsequently assigned to investigate the Criminal Damage to State Supported Property Officer Ethan Anderson canvassed the neighborhood and spoke to frequent park visitors. Officer Anderson was able to locate a witness to suspicious activity occurring at the park. The citizen tip ultimately led to the identification of two teenage boys.

At the police station with their parents, the boys admitted to causing all of the damage detailed in the original complaint. "I hope this sends a clear message that vandalism to Village parks will not be tolerated," said Chief Fred Hayes. "We encourage anyone who sees suspicious activity at the Village parks to call 911 immediately. Alternatively, you can report incidents anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 800-323-6734."

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