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## **Four Juveniles Arrested For Graffiti**

Kettering- Four juveniles aged 14 to 15 years of age were arrested on February 18 for more than twenty cases of Criminal Damage.

The Kettering boys admitted to "tagging" more than twenty buildings and vehicles throughout the majority of the city. Most of the graffiti was symbols or monikers that have no significant meaning. Several markings were racially offensive, insulting and demeaning.

A business video surveillance captured the juveniles on the property after hours causing damage. The juveniles were then identified by school officials with the help of Kettering Police School Resource Officers.

The damage is estimated at nearly \$20,000.00. Most of the markings will need to be sand blasted from the side of buildings.

Juveniles as well as parents need to realize that damage caused by young people can create criminal charges as well as civil charges. Business owners can hold parents responsible by seeking recovery costs through civil court.

The juveniles directed members of the detective section throughout the city admitting their responsibility. The Montgomery County Juvenile Court is expected to formally charge the juveniles next week.

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