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Bait Car Operation Nets 3 Arrests

On December 3, 2021, The Columbus Division of Police and The Ohio State Highway Patrol teamed up for Bait Car Operation – University District.

The operation involved a vehicle utilized to “bait” car thieves in the Ohio State University campus area.

Between 4pm and 10pm, three juveniles were arrested and one gun was recovered.

1. The bait car was deployed twice to the area of E. 9th Ave. and N. High St.
2. The bait car was also deployed twice to the area of N. High St. and E. 17th Ave.
3. The bait car was deployed once to the area of N. High St. and E. 18th Ave.

The theft of the bait car at N. High St. south of E. 17th Ave. resulted in a foot chase. The bait car was deployed at 5:30pm; a male entered the bait car at 5:40pm. The male, 17 years old, was arrested with a loaded gun recovered from his person. He was charged with Theft of a Motor Vehicle and CCW.

Two 15-year-old suspects were arrested and charged with Theft of a Motor Vehicle when the bait car was deployed and stolen at N. High St. near E. 18th Ave. The bait car was deployed at 8:45pm; 2 males entered the vehicle at 9:32pm. The vehicle traveled a short distance before officers performed a felony stop and made both arrests.



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