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Over the past few weeks, several complainants in Guilford reported criminal mischief to their properties, to include having vehicle tires slashed and mailboxes damages. Upwards of 8 victims reported this damage that was occurring during the overnight hours. Guilford Police Officer Daniel Morrell tracked these crimes and formulated a plan to attempt to identify and catch the suspect. On the evening of 2/4/2017, Ofc Morrell analyzed the information and patterns from the prior incidents and determined an area in which the suspect was likely to target. Ofc Morrell took up a position of surveillance in a wooded area for several hours on a single digit temperature night and ultimately located a suspicious person walking in the area around 0300hrs. Ofc Morrell along with marked Police units attempted to make contact with the suspicious person, who fled on foot into a wooded area. This person was later located hiding behind a residence. As the investigation continued over subsequent days, Ofc Morrell was able to acquire a full confession from this suspicious person (suspect) about criminal mischief they committed to include the slashing of tires in at least seven (8) different locations (matching those originally reported) and damaging multiple mailboxes. At this time the investigation is ongoing and as of this press release, arrest warrants for the suspect are being drafted.

If any residents of Guilford were victims of any similar damage that was previously unreported, please contact the Guilford Police Department's routine number (203) 453-8061.