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DATE: 06/28/2010

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Vehicle Prowl

CASE NO.: 10310612

INCIDENT DATE :06/26/2010

INCIDENT TIME: 3:55 p.m.

INCIDENT LOCATION: 600 Block of 99th Avenue West

SUBJECT: Police Arrest Car Prowler with help from Alert Citizen

BY: Officer Brad Wick, Information Coordinator

On Saturday, June 26th, 2010, at 3:55 p.m., an alert Duluth citizen called 9-1-1 to report that they were watching a male prowling a parked vehicle in the 600 block of 99th Avenue West. The male had arrived in another vehicle and was observed entering the parked vehicle and removing property from it. He then returned to his vehicle with the property and left.

The reporting party gave dispatchers a detailed description of the suspect, the vehicle the he left in, and his direction of travel. The information was relayed to responding officer who located the vehicle and male suspect in the 1600 block of Commonwealth Avenue. Inside of his vehicle was the property he had taken from the parked vehicle.

Ryan Scott Birk, age 28 of Superior, Wisconsin, was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail and charged with Tampering with a Motor Vehicle, Theft, and Possession of Stolen Property.

With the help of the alert citizen who called 9-1-1, police were able to locate the suspect, arrest him, and return the stolen property to its rightful owner.