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Eight Individuals Indicted on Multiple Charges Including Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity for Operating a Car Theft Ring and Committing Acts of Violence

CLEVELAND - Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that a Cuyahoga County grand jury has returned an indictment charging eight members of the Car Creepers for stealing a total of 33 vehicles and 52 credit cards, terrorizing 83 victims, committing four acts of violence, and participating in seven burglaries in 25 different municipalities in Cuyahoga, Lorain, Geauga, Lake, and Summit County.

"The individuals indicted today have wreaked havoc and inflicted violence across Northeast Ohio," said Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley. "Crime does not stop at any one border and this indictment is a direct result of the hard work, dedication, and collaboration of multiple different law enforcement agencies. I am proud of the work of our law enforcement partners."

The eight individuals include:

- TyJier Riley, 20
- Dadren Carter, 19
- Jaylon Hicks, 19
- Jordan Hicks, 19
- Deon Young, 21
- Josh Ziegler, 20
- Joshua Taylor, 19
- Michal Gadomski, 19

From April 1, 2022, to July 25, 2023, eight members of the Car Creepers would drive to different cities during the late hours of the night, search for vehicles that were left unlocked, and steal them. In some instances, the victims' credit cards were inside the vehicles. The members would then use the stolen credit cards for their own personal use.

Acts of Violence

On March 8, 2023, TyJier Riley, Dadren Carter, Deon Young, and Josh Ziegler were driving around in a stolen vehicle near Warrensville Center Road and Mayfield Road in South Euclid. They fired multiple shots out the window at the victims, a 16-year-old female and her 1-year-old daughter, striking the victims' vehicle. They then fled the scene. South Euclid Police Department responded to the scene.

On June 1, 2023, Jordan Hicks drove to a residence on Dresden Road in Cleveland Heights. He exited his vehicle, fired multiple rounds at the residence, and then fled the scene in his vehicle. Cleveland Heights Police Department responded to the scene.



On July 2, 2023, Jordan Hicks, Jaylon Hicks, and Dadren Carter approached the victims, 17, 16 and 16, near St. Clair Avenue and Holmes Avenue in Cleveland. They shot at the victims and then fled the scene. The Cleveland Division of Police and Cleveland EMS responded to the scene. The 17-year-old male was pronounced deceased on scene. The two other males were transported to a nearby hospital where they were treated for their injuries.

On July 8, 2023, TyJier Riley and Dadren Carter drove a stolen vehicle to a residence near Tunbridge Lane and Deptford Drive in Beachwood. Riley and Carter exited the vehicle and approached the victims, 42 and 48, as they were exiting their vehicle. They held the victims at gunpoint and stole their vehicle. They then fled the scene in both vehicles. Beachwood Police Department responded to the scene.

They have been charged with a combination of the following charges:

- Engaging In A Pattern Of Corrupt Activity
- Aggravated Murder
- Murder
- Felonious Assault
- Discharge Of Firearm On Or Near Prohibited Premises
- Attempted Murder
- Burglary
- Receiving Stolen Property
- Arson
- Grand Theft
- Aggravated Theft
- Theft
- Breaking And Entering
- Failure To Comply
- Misuse Of Credit Cards

The investigation is ongoing and being conducted by 28 municipalities including:

- Avon
- Avon Lake
- Bay Village
- Beachwood
- Bedford
- Bedford Heights
- Chester Township
- Cleveland
- Cleveland Heights
- Garfield Heights
- Glenwillow
- Highland Heights



- Lyndhurst
- Macedonia
- Maple Heights
- Mayfield Heights
- Orange Village
- Pepper Pike
- Richmond Heights
- Rocky River
- Sagamore Hills
- Solon
- South Euclid
- Twinsburg
- University Heights
- Westlake
- Willoughby
- Strongsville

You can view the indictment [here](#).

They will be arraigned at the Cuyahoga County Justice Center at a later date.