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Man Arrested for Felony Criminal Mischief of Lincoln High School Trojan Statue

On Tuesday, 06 May 2008, the Trojan statue at Lincoln High School was vandalized. The suspects spray painted the Trojan statue and the stone base. The Trojan statute was spray painted yellow and the letters "GHH" were spray painted on the stone base.

On Wednesday, 18 June 2008, Detectives Mike Cozzie and Jeff Hibbert were investigating other criminal mischiefs that occurred in northwest Leon County and developed Michael Turner as a suspect. During an interview, Turner stated he had damaged several vehicles, including a Tallahassee Police Department marked cruiser and mailboxes. These crimes occurred over several weeks and took place on Shady Oaks Drive, Wiggington Road, Scarlet Drive and McLeod Drive. When asked about the incident at Lincoln High School, Turner admitted to vandalizing the statute.

Michael Turner stated he and a juvenile went to Lincoln High School with the intent to spray paint the statue. Turner stated that he used yellow and blue spray paint, painting the letters "GHH" on the stone base of the statue and spray painting the Lincoln High School sign at the front of the school with "Seniors 08".

The maintenance staff at Lincoln High School worked for over a week pressure washing the stone base of the statue, using liquid cleaners and brushes trying to remove the spray paint, with negative results. The stone base is valued at \$40,000.

Michael Turner was arrested and charged with Felony Criminal Mischief. He was taken to the Leon County Jail and booked. Three other juveniles have been charged with misdemeanor criminal mischief for the northwest Leon County vandalism cases.

PERSON ARRESTED:

Michael Turner

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