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Police arrest Briny Breezes man who burglarized cars there

Boynton Beach Police on Wednesday arrested a man suspected of committing more than a dozen car burglaries in the Town of Briny Breezes.

Benjamin Friedman, 21, has been directly tied to three auto burglaries as he pawned three GPS units that had been stolen from cars in Briny Breezes early Sunday.

Detectives located an additional 10 GPS units in the Briny Breezes home where he lives with his father after his arrest on Wednesday afternoon.

Friedman is charged with 12 felony counts of burglary, grand theft, dealing in stolen property and false verification of ownership to a pawn broker (four counts for each of the three burglaries). More charges are pending. He remains in the Palm Beach County Jail.

Friedman told detectives that he walked around the neighborhood trying to open car doors. If the doors were unlocked, he would take whatever he wanted, including GPS units and cash.

Police have taken more than a dozen reports from Briny Breezes residents whose cars were burglarized early Sunday, and victims are still coming forward. In fact, while detectives were interviewing Friedman, more residents were discovering items missing from their cars. The reason for delayed reporting is that most of the victims had not discovered their losses until neighbors started talking about the burglaries.

It's important to note that all of the victims left their car doors unlocked. On Tuesday, officers spent the day distributing crime prevention cards to Briny Breezes residents to get them to "try a little TLC by Taking out their valuables; Locking up their car; and Closing their windows."

Detectives believe that there are additional victims out there and ask all residents of Briny Breezes to please check their cars to see if any valuables are missing. If residents suspect that they are victims, they should call the Boynton Beach Police Department's non-emergency line at 732-8116.

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