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Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE- July 26, 2024- Commercial Burglary, Case 24-2086

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On July 23rd and 25th, Evangelo's reported two separate burglaries resulting in over \$3,500 in stolen property and significant property damage. In response, WPD collected physical evidence including fingerprints and surveillance camera footage and additionally made recommendations for security system upgrades which would provide monitoring with alerts. The upgrades were immediately implemented by the business.

On July 26th, a third burglary occurred at Evangelo's. WPD was immediately dispatched to the restaurant and given real-time information about a suspect being on-scene and in the building at the time of the call.

Officers arrived on scene within minutes and observed the suspect fleeing on foot before a perimeter could be established. A coordinated effort involving WPD K9 Echo, the WPD drone team, along with support from the Alaska State Troopers led to the suspect's apprehension after a mile-long evasion.

The suspect was determined to be a runaway juvenile. They later admitted to committing all three burglaries, including the theft of several thousand dollars and additional felony-level property damage in the final incident.

The juvenile was remanded to the custody of the Mat-Su Youth Facility on multiple counts of Burglary, Theft, Criminal Mischief, and Criminal Trespass. Additional charges may be applied as the investigation continues. The juvenile suspect's parents were notified of the incident.
