Suspects Arrested re. Boat Burglaries at Vinoy Marina

Arrested Suspects:

Cody Tompkins, W/M, 02/10/94
James White, W/M, 08/08/96

At about 11:00 p.m. last night, police were called to the Vinoy Marina, 501 5th Avenue NE, regarding three suspects (Tompkins, White and a 17 year old juvenile) who had entered at least two boats at the Marina and where now fleeing from security personnel.

The suspects were located by responding officers in the area of 3rd Avenue NE and Beach Drive. At the time they were stopped the three suspects were found to be in possession of several items of alcohol that they had taken from one of the boats and were positively identified by security personnel.

Officers learned that one of the boats burglarized was actually occupied by the owner who was sleeping on board at the time, but was awaking after hearing the suspects walking on his deck and called security.

All three suspects were charged with 2 counts of armed burglary as one suspect was armed with a knife. Tompkin, who was on probation for burglary, was also charged with probation violation. White was also charged with burglary to another boat that took place on the 20th of September at the Marina in which guns, a TV and alcohol were taken.

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