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Capitol Police probe of museum thefts leads to felony charges

RICHMOND – Virginia Capitol Police have charged three men with felonies and are seeking a fourth as a result of an investigation of a break-in at the Science Museum of Virginia earlier this year during a night of rioting and looting in the capital.

Capitol Police this week obtained warrants for four felony counts each for Makel Daizon Al-Qadaffi, 19; Zakeye Navon Turner, 18; Sherod Antoine Jenkins Jr., 19; and Allen Hargrove Jr., 25. The four, all Richmond residents, are charged with single counts of grand larceny, burglary, conspiracy to trespass or commit larceny and injury to any property, monument, etc.

Al-Qadaffi and Jenkins are being held on unrelated charges. Hargrove was arrested Thursday. Authorities were continuing to seek Turner on Friday and ask that anyone with information on his whereabouts call police.

"I'd like to commend our investigators for their hard work on a case that involved about \$5,000 worth of theft and destruction on what was a night of lawlessness in Richmond," said Col. Anthony S. Pike, the Capitol Police chief. "The public needs to know that we take these crimes seriously and will work hard to protect our taxpayers and their assets."

The arrests stem from the early morning hours of May 31, when a number of buildings were burglarized and burned as rioters made their way through several Richmond neighborhoods, including a long stretch of the Broad Street corridor.

Capitol Police responded to the Science Museum, at 2500 W. Broad St., following an alarm that was activated at 3:14 a.m.

Investigators found that someone had gained access to the museum by smashing a basement window. Once inside, they stole electronics and caused damages in various parts of the complex, leading to total estimated losses of \$5,000.

"It's particularly troubling that during times of civil unrest, people would prey on an institution dedicated to helping children and their families understand science and the wonders of the world around them," Pike said. "This case required some detailed, time-consuming work by our investigators, and they responded with the kind of extra effort that our stakeholders deserve."

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