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PRESS RELEASE

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On Saturday, February 20, 2021 at approximately 1:25 AM, Precinct 8 Deputy P. Garcia was dispatched to the area of Bratten Ln. and Dinerstein St. in the Sterling Knoll neighborhood of Clear Lake in reference to a suspicious person. The reporting witness observed a male wearing a gray hoodie walking away with a neighbor's trash can.

While searching the area, Deputy P. Garcia observed a male matching the description and a 'City of Houston' trash can in the front yard of a residence in the 500 block of Shealy St. Sergeant M. Ford arrived to the scene shortly after. The male was detained and identified as 31 year old Joseph Alan Major. Deputies opened the trash can and observed jumper cables, gift cards, and several tools including a drill and grinder. Deputies made contact with the homeowner of the residence where Major was located. The complainant stated the trash can did not belong to him, and he did not know Major nor was he allowed on his property.

Upon further investigation, Deputies discovered the original complainant's vehicle had been rummaged through. All of the items in the glove compartment had been taken out and were laid out in the front passenger seat. The complainant stated there were items missing from inside his vehicle and were ultimately located inside the trash can. Major eventually admitted to breaking into several unlocked vehicles in the neighborhood.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted the charge of Burglary of a Motor Vehicle. Major was transported to the Harris County Joint Processing Center for booking. His bond has been set at \$100 total.

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