

Cops nab 4 in copper caper

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DUNDEE TOWNSHIP -- Police aided by a helicopter and a K-9 unit captured four men early Monday after they tried to steal \$30,000 worth of copper cable, authorities said.

All four were being held late Monday in the Kane County Adult Corrections Center, facing felony theft charges.



Javan Brown (from left), Ronnie Sistrunk and Joseph Lewis

According to reports, a Gilberts police officer was patrolling in the area of a ComEd substation at 37W478 Mason Road at about 1:45 a.m. The officer saw a vehicle leave the driveway of the ComEd building and tried to pull it over.

The vehicle kept going, finally stopping near Randall Road and Westfield Drive, where the vehicle's six occupants got out and ran.

One of the men was caught by another Gilberts police officer a short time later. Elgin police, Sleepy Hollow police and a helicopter from the Rockford-area Law Enforcement Aviation Coalition were called to assist in the search. Elgin police, including a K-9 unit, located three more suspects outside a nearby business, police said.

Kane County sheriff's deputies found the copper cable inside the abandoned vehicle. Preliminary investigations determined it was from the ComEd substation, reports said.

The Kane County State's Attorney's Office authorized felony theft charges against Ronald R. Moore, 29, of 1102 Fulton Drive, Streamwood; and Javan Brown, 33, Ronnie Sistrunk, 38, and Joseph Lewis, 33, all of Chicago. Lewis also has been charged with obstructing justice.

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