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North Fond du Lac Police have arrested nine suspects in connection with the fraudulent use of a Department of Public Works gas card, and additional arrests are expected. The nine suspects face charges including Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card, Falsely Acting as a Public Employee, Bail Jumping and Aiding a Felon. As a result of the investigation, police have also arrested four of the nine suspects for a string of garage burglaries that occurred in August.

An 18 year-old North Fond du Lac man, Cory J. Robbins was arrested on charges of Party to Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card, Aiding a Felon and Bail jumping. According to North Fond du Lac police, Robbins participated with three other suspects in using the card to purchase snack food and beverages from the Stretch Truck Stop on September 10, and he later attempted to destroy the evidence by burning and cutting into pieces the business account card.

Zachary M. Grunewald, 18, of North Fond du Lac was arrested on charges of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card and Falsely Acting as a Public Employee. According to police, Grunewald was also involved in the use of the card to purchase snacks and beverages from the Stretch Truck Stop on September 10. An employee of the Stretch told police that Grunewald said that he worked for the Village of North Fond du Lac and routinely ran errands for them.

A 16 year-old North Fond du Lac boy was arrested on twelve counts of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card. North Fond du Lac Police say that boy, Robbins, a 16 year-old North Fond du Lac girl and another 16 year-old North Fond du Lac boy used the business account card at numerous locations during a road trip between North Fond du Lac and Superior, Wisconsin. The second 16 year-old boy is also facing twelve counts of Party to Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card, while the girl has been referred to Juvenile Court on charges of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card and Aiding a Felon.

In addition, a 22 year-old Town of Friendship woman, Regina M. Truitt; and a 19 year-old North Fond du Lac woman, Liza C. Alexaieff are each facing charges of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card. Megan E. Hansen, 19, of North Fond du Lac faces charges of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card and Party to Fraudulent Use of a Credit

Card, and a 16 year-old Town of Friendship girl faces two counts of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card.

According to North Fond du Lac Police Captain Darren Pautsch, 24 unauthorized charges were posted to the card between August 28 and September 10 when the card was recovered. The total amount of those charges was \$668.84. Captain Pautsch said that because the card was simply being passed around from one person to another during that time, investigators have not yet been able to positively identify specifically who was responsible for some of the charges. Police are continuing to investigate and additional arrests are possible.

While working on this case, investigators received information that some of these same individuals had been responsible for a rash of garage break-ins on Harrison Street that occurred in August. As a result of the investigation, Robbins, Grunewald, and the two 16 year-old North Fond du Lac boys are also facing four counts each on burglary charges. Additionally, the two 16 year-old boys are facing charges for Receiving Stolen Property. According to investigators, the two boys sold stolen property that was turned over to them at area pawn shops. Captain Pautsch said that approximately \$1,000 in car equipment, stereos, sporting goods, tools and other property was recovered and returned to the owners. He said that police are still working to identify the owners of several hundred dollars worth of additional property that was recovered.