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## BPD Officers Arrest Man After Multiple Car Break-Ins at Birmingham Business

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives have obtained warrants for an arrest in connection to multiple car break-ins at a Birmingham business.

The suspect has been identified as: Christopher Brauer, (37), W/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

On **Thursday, February 1, 2024**, at around 9:15 a.m., South Precinct officers were dispatched to a Car Break-In call at Automotive Concepts and Imports, located at 2104 Green Springs Highway.

Officers arrived on the scene when they learned that a suspect had broken into at least three vehicles at the location earlier that morning.

Patrol officers and associates of the business observed surveillance footage of the suspect.

Later, at around 6:20 p.m., South Precinct officers responded to a Fire call near Greensprings Avenue @ Greensprings Highway.

Officers learned a male was setting items on fire in the roadway.

Officers arrived on the scene and then observed the suspect; officers identified him as the suspect who committed the car break-ins earlier that day.

Officers detained the suspect and then transported him to BPD Headquarters for

questioning; after detectives questioned the suspect he was booked into the Birmingham City Jail under a 48-Hour Felony Extension.

Birmingham Police Detectives presented case information to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office. After an assessment of the information, detectives obtained three warrants for **Unlawful Breaking and Entering of a Vehicle** on Christopher Brauer.

Christopher Brauer is in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail with a \$45,000 Bond.

NOTE: the business having surveillance footage of the crime played a MAJOR role in officers being able to make a quick arrest in this case.

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