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Would you buy a used car from this man? If you did, it probably was stolen

- *East Side ACTION auto theft officers arrests man who sold them 3 stolen cars*

Auto theft investigators working this week's highly successful Operation 8 Mile law enforcement initiative arrested a 17-year-old Detroit man believed to be responsible for stealing a significant number of vehicles on Wayne County's east side, Sheriff Warren C. Evans announced today.



On Wednesday, officers from the East Side ACTION Auto Theft Team apprehended Bobby Beverly of Detroit, who allegedly sold an undercover Wayne County Sheriff's Deputy three stolen vehicles - each valued at approximately \$3,000 - for only \$400 apiece during the past several weeks.

ACTION (Arresting Car Thieves In Our Neighborhoods) investigators made contact with Beverly late last month, after receiving a tip that he was dealing stolen cars.

"It appears that we have arrested a man who may have been a one-person auto theft crime wave on the county's east side," Evans said. "If Mr. Beverly sold us three cars in roughly three weeks, it's only logical to assume that he's been doing this for a while."

On May 25th, the officers arranged their first meeting with Beverly, who sold them a 2001 Dodge Intrepid. Nearly two weeks later, they purchased another Dodge Intrepid - a 2002 model and on June 13th Beverly arrived at the meet location on the county's east side with a 1999 Jeep Cherokee.

At that time, ACTION officers from the Sheriff's Office, Grosse Pointe Park and Harper Woods took Beverly into custody. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office provided additional officers for backup, since Beverly had brought friends with him to prior meets with the undercover officer.

Since the ACTION Team was formed in January, reports of auto theft in the five Grosse Pointe communities and Harper Woods have gone down by an overall 30 percent.

“The free ride that these car thieves thought they had on the east side is over,” Evans said. “The ACTION team is on the case.”

Beverly was charged on Friday in Harper Woods District Court with

- Three counts of attempting to issue a false vehicle title
- Three counts of Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile
- Three counts of Receiving/Concealing Stolen Property

Beverly is being held at the Wayne County Jail on a \$4,500 cash bond.