8-year-old helps nab break-in suspect

Brookhaven, GA, Dec. 16, 2013 – Brookhaven Police are crediting an 8-year-old boy with stopping a car break-in suspect.

The alert boy was looking out the window of his Dresden Drive home late Sunday night when he spotted a man breaking into his parents' car. The boy immediately told his mother, who called Brookhaven Police.

The boy then relayed a detailed description of the suspect, what he saw and was able to direct officers to a nearby construction site, where the boy saw the suspect flee. Officers searched the area and found the suspect. He was arrested and taken to the DeKalb County jail, where he is being held on entering auto, loitering and prowling charges.

The man is a person of interest in at least six other car break-ins. Detectives are not releasing the suspect's name because of the ongoing investigation. A second man was also arrested on loitering charges and is under investigation.

"This suspect would still be on the street without the tip we got from this little boy. He was so articulate, alert and detailed that it helped us find the suspect right away," Patrol Division Commander Lt. Juan Grullon said. "These are the type of partnerships that help keep our community safe."

The boy will be recognized with a letter of appreciation from Brookhaven Police Chief Gary Yandura at an upcoming city council meeting.

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