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Ravalli County Sheriff Chris Hoffman said one juvenile male was arrested yesterday evening in conjunction with five vehicle thefts in the Stevensville and Florence areas on 09-15-2014. Another juvenile male already in custody will be charged today. The suspects targeted unlocked vehicles with keys inside. The suspects drove and damaged the vehicles, leaving them where they crashed. These juvenile suspects were also involved in three more vehicle thefts in Stevensville, investigated by the Stevensville Police Department. One juvenile will be charged with Felony Theft, Felony Criminal Mischief and Felony Criminal Endangerment. The other suspect is currently charged with Felony Theft. The suspects caused damage estimated in excess of several thousand dollars, and additional criminal charges are expected from the Ravalli County Sheriff's Office, Montana Highway Patrol, and Stevensville Police Department. The arrests are the result of the investigation initiated on 09-15-2014 and that case is on-going.

Additionally in a separate case, three other juvenile males were arrested on 09-24-2014 and 09-25-2014 for Burglary, Felony Theft, Misdemeanor Criminal Mischief and Misdemeanor Theft, and Minor in Possession of Alcohol stemming from incidents that occurred in the early morning hours of 09-22-2014 and 09-24-2014 in the Victor area. These suspects broke into a building and stole alcohol from a relative of one of the suspects as well as breaking into a business west of Victor, also stealing alcohol. They stole four different vehicles all of which have been recovered. Additional charges for one of the suspects include traffic offenses and probation violations.