



## **Springfield Police Department City of Springfield, Illinois**

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### **SPRINGFIELD POLICE RECOVER SWORD STOLEN FROM LINCOLN'S TOMB**

Springfield Police have arrested one juvenile who is believed to be responsible for taking an historic sword a sword brandished by a statue of an Army officer atop the tomb of President Abraham Lincoln in Oak Ridge Cemetery. The approximately 3-foot-long, copper sword had been snapped off at the handle sometime between September and early November. The sword had broken into two pieces.

Acting on a Crime Stoppers tip, one juvenile was apprehended after a two other individual was interviewed. The two individuals admitted knowing about the incident, but said they did not take the sword. They described to police what they knew of the situation.

The suspect was interviewed today by detectives. He had said that when he visited the statue at the site of the Lincoln Tomb, he had grabbed the sword causing it to come loose and fall to the ground breaking into two pieces. He said he panicked and threw the sword into a wooded area behind Sangamon Center.

Upon further questioning he admitted that, instead, he had hidden the remainder of the sword in a broken down van parked in an alley west of the 2300 block of North Third Street. Both pieces of the sword have been recovered. All three individuals had been at the site.

The suspect faces charges of theft and criminal trespass from a state-supported property. The other two could face possible criminal trespass charges.

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