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POLICE IDENTIFY JUVENILES WHO VANDALIZED PARK

Jonesboro Police Department detectives have identified and conducted interviews with eight juveniles ranging from seven to 13 years old who were present when a restroom at the Miracle League Park at 5000 S. Caraway Road was vandalized on Sept. 8.

The investigation by Detective Sgt. R.J. Smith and Detective Mike McCanless indicates that the juveniles – three females and five males - played varying roles in the vandalism. Detectives obtained confessions that cover all the damages, though some of the statements conflicted, McCanless said.

While some of the juveniles who were present during the incident did not damage or break items, they encouraged such behavior and took other actions such as throwing toilet paper, putting water and soap on the floor, etc., that cost the city money to clean up, McCanless said.

There was damage in excess of \$600 to fixtures, with the total likely to rise with the cost of cleanup, McCanless said. The list of damages includes the breaking of a sink and a mirror, damaging of the soap dispensers, breaking of the baby changing station/table and writing on the bathroom stalls.

The Jonesboro Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries Department will obtain a more precise cost of the damage soon, the detectives said.

The investigation will continue with a review by the detectives of the statements and evidence. The case will be referred to the Craighead County Juvenile Court for disposition.