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Tips from the public have helped the North Fond du Lac Police Department identify the individuals responsible for the vandalism at the Presentation Parish school building over the Labor Day weekend. A 12 year-old St. Cloud boy, a 13 year-old Fond du Lac boy and a 14 year-old North Fond du Lac boy have been referred to Juvenile Court Services for their roles in the incident. The three boys will face charges of Damage to Property and Theft.

After reaching out to the public for information, the police department received two different tips identifying the boys. Following up on those tips, investigators interviewed all three boys, and they each admitted to their involvement. The investigation also revealed that those boys had also entered or attempted to enter the school building on two previous occasions. It is apparent from the investigation that the boys did not intend to start a fire at the scene. The boys poured the gas inside the vestibule after finding the gas can outside a nearby residence.

On September 8, the North Fond du Lac Police Department received a report from Presentation Parish Father John Simon that someone had entered a vestibule at the school and poured gasoline on a rug and the floor. On September 11th, the police department sought help from the public and offered a \$100 cash reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspects. "As a result of that request for assistance, three people have contacted the department with information related to this incident," said Captain Darren Pautsch. "Two of those individuals were able to identify those involved or others with information regarding who was involved."

"This is an excellent example of alert citizens working together with police to hold offenders accountable and to help improve the quality of life for all who live, work and play in our community," Pautsch added.