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Three Juveniles Arrested For School Break-in

Three students were arrested Monday on a felony charge of burglary and a misdemeanor charge of criminal mischief after school officials reported a weekend break-in at Buddy Taylor Middle School on Belle Terre Parkway.

Flagler County Sheriff's School Resource Deputy Eric Kuleski reported a school maintenance office was entered through an unlocked door late Saturday evening. Once inside, the young burglars made a pot of coffee, ate pudding and proceeded to break light bulbs.

A video recording was made of the youngsters walking in and around the school that night.

The students charged are: Brendan King, 13, 1100 Madison Green, Palm Coast; Michael Menear, 13, 10 Prosperity Lane, Palm Coast, and Joshua Kaplan, 12, of 8 Prairie Lane, Palm Coast.

Deputies reported that Saturday night around 9:45 p.m., the trio decided to hang out around the school. They first loitered around the dock at the south of the school and then head toward the gymnasium, trying all the exterior doors on their way. The maintenance door was unlocked, according to the report.

All three were arrested and released to their parents at the direction of the Division of Youth Services.

"Parental supervision is vital to keeping our youngsters on track. Schools will be breaking for the Summer vacation this week. Parents need to know where they children are and what they are doing," said Sheriff Donald W. Fleming.

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