La Porte Police arrest theft suspects

Around 1:45 a.m., on the morning of January 2, La Porte Police received a call concerning a pair of white males leaving a residential driveway in the 9300 block of La Porte’s Montgomery Lane.

The thieves had allegedly stolen a water heater for the residence yard/shed area and were hastily leaving in an older-model Ford Mustang. Officers patrolling the area quickly responded to the scene and, while in route, observed a vehicle leaving the area. A traffic stop was immediately initiated as the vehicle appeared out-of-place carrying a full-size water heater on top of its trunk.

On scene inquiry quickly revealed that the suspects, La Porte-based Christopher Hull and Christopher Dewitt, had been combing the Spenwick subdivision when they noticed a water heater near a residential shed. As a result, the suspects took it upon themselves to back their vehicle into the residence driveway and strap the water heater down to the truck of their Mustang as if it were their own.

The pair faces Class B charges for the Theft offense, with penalties ranging from up to 180 days in jail and/or a fine of as much as $2000. Hull, however, having been involved in prior Theft events may face enhanced charges come court-time, according to the Harris County District Attorney's Office.