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## ***Coeur d'Alene Police Department***

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### **Arrest for vehicle vandalism**

**Suspect: Dean G. Morra, 55 years of age of CDA**

On November 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 the Police Department received a report from a citizen concerning damage to her vehicle. The victim said she parked her vehicle on the street in front of 802 E. Front Ave. at 11:00am on November 15<sup>th</sup>. She said she returned to her vehicle at 6:30pm and discovered the windows were filmy and she could not get them clear with her defroster. Two days later she looked closer at her vehicle and discovered the entire passenger side of her car had been keyed. She examined her windows and realized they were covered with a fine film of petroleum like substance. Despite washing her car she was unable to get the film off the windows.

The victim believed she knew who was responsible for vandalizing her car. She told officers about the male occupant of 802 E. front Ave. The victim works in a downtown business, and the male (later identified as Dean Morra) has come into the business and made it clear he does not want anyone parking in front of his house. The victim said Morra has been known to make verbal threats by saying "cars have a way of getting keyed or tires slashed."

The victim was able to provide officers with the names of at least ten other people who have had run-ins with the male at that residence. She also believes there have been other vehicles damaged.

On November 26<sup>th</sup> Coeur d'Alene Police Detectives parked an unmarked City vehicle in front of 802 E. Front Ave. Detectives monitored the vehicle with video surveillance. Detectives returned to the vehicle later in the day and noticed a filmy substance on the windows. They also discovered fresh scratches on the driver's side and the hood. The victim from the previous report had also parked her vehicle there again. Her car had filmy windows again. This substance was later determined to be WD-40.

Detectives returned the city owned car to Police Department and viewed the video surveillance.

Suspect Dean Morra was visible on video damaging the cars. Detectives got an estimate from a local body shop of the damages. The damages totaled \$1349.00. Detectives responded back to 802 E. Front and contacted the suspect. Morra initially denied doing any damage to the vehicles. Detectives made him aware of the video surveillance, and he admitted to the vandalism. Morra claimed to be angry at anyone who parks in front of his house. He stated he sprayed WD-40 on the female victim's vehicle several times. Morra was arrested for felony malicious injury to property and transported to the jail.

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