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FIFTH TEEN IN CAR THEFT CASE TURNS HERSELF IN

A teenager being sought by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office on charges of grand theft auto and trespassing turned herself in to the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Monday evening.

16-year old Kalli Lorraine Carlson of 123 Magnolia Avenue in Fort Walton Beach is accused of being involved in stealing a car from a Mary Esther home early this morning.

Carlson and four others involved in the theft are now in custody.

Deputies were called to 4000 Gulf Terrace Drive around 6:15 Monday morning after a stolen car hit five vehicles in a parking lot there. When deputies arrived, the keys were still in the ignition and witnesses reported seeing people running from the scene after the crash.

Officers made contact with 18-year old Sierra Nicole Mott who told them she and Carlson met friends Courtney Coffield and Stephanie Walsh at a home on Marker Cove in Mary Esther. They decided to go "car hopping" or break into cars in Destin. They took the car from the home of Lisa Chomer and picked up another teen, 16-year old Dakota Blankenship before heading out. (Coffield had been reported missing to the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office after failing to return home from school last Thursday, May 19th.) The teens drove to Gulf Terrace Drive and Mott says she, Coffield, and Carlson got out to go break into cars. She later heard tires squealing and the sounds of a collision.

Deputies have charged 15-year old Coffield of Wimico Circle in Destin with grand theft auto and two counts of burglary. Blankenship, a Mary Esther resident, is charged with grand theft auto and trespassing, as is Sierra Mott of Buck Drive, Fort Walton Beach, 16-year old Stephanie Walsh of Cambridge Avenue in Fort Walton Beach and Carlson.

Investigators say additional charges are pending.

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