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Ref: Grinnell College Burglaries-Vehicle Theft
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Grinnell Police have arrested a Grinnell woman in connection to a series of office burglaries and motor vehicle theft that occurred on December 6th, 2011. According to Sergeant Chris Wray, Investigators have been following up leads on this case for the last two weeks culminating in two search warrants that were served on two different residences: one in Grinnell and one in Newton, Iowa on Wednesday December 21st. As a result of this investigation, Police have charged Genie Kay Thompson, age 36, of Grinnell with three counts of Burglary in the third degree, a Class "D" Felony, one count of Theft in the second Degree related to the theft of a motor vehicle, a Class "D" Felony, three counts of Forgery, a Class "D" Felony, one count of Credit Card Fraud, a Class "D" Felony, and one count of Conspiracy, a Class "D" Felony as well. Thompson was arrested by Grinnell Police on Wednesday December 21st. She was processed at the Grinnell Police Department and then taken to the Poweshiek County Jail to be held until her initial appearance before a judge.

The investigation stems from a December 6th incident at Grinnell College in which two individuals entered the Noyce Science Building on the Grinnell College Campus. The two individuals burglarized three offices inside of the building and subsequently stole a motor vehicle from a campus parking lot belonging to one of the victim's of the office burglaries. Grinnell Police have since recovered the stolen vehicle as well. This investigation is still on-going and further criminal charges could be forthcoming in the future.

It must be noted that a criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Sergeant Christopher E. Wray
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