

The MBVCA Board and MBV Security Patrol would like to inform our residents of an incident that took place on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at around 1pm. A MBV resident observed some individuals underneath the Mill Bridge Way bridge, spray painting graffiti. The resident contacted one of our security patrol representatives who in turn contacted an HPD Officer who works security in MBV. The officer came upon the individuals as they were walking down Wild Blackberry Drive and detained them. The individuals were identified as four male minors; only one of whom was a resident of MBV. Since the individuals are minors, their names cannot and shall not be disclosed. All four were charged with Graffiti (Misdemeanor) with the Harris County District Attorney's Office. The individuals were turned over to the custody of their parents.

If it were not for the actions of this resident, the individuals would not have been caught or held accountable for their actions. This resident should be commended for getting involved and taking action to assist in reducing and eliminating crime in MBV.

This statement is to inform the residents of MBV that HPD Officers are in and around your village, patrolling your streets, enforcing the law and on occasion, making arrests. However, it is also important to know that residents of MBV must be involved in helping protect your village. This is your home and police cannot be everywhere all the time but when given the proper and timely information, officers can do a good job in helping MBV.

A reminder to the parents in MBV. **Under Texas law, parents are responsible for their children and may be civilly liable for their actions until they reach the age of 18.**

The MBVCA Board has made it very clear before and reiterates now that if any real or personal property owned, operated, or managed by Mills Branch Village Community Association, Inc. is damaged, destroyed, or converted from the use of MBV by the actions of anyone, civil claims and/or criminal charges will be filed, as appropriate, and restitution WILL BE REQUIRED. In the case of minors, MBV shall likewise bring such claims or charges against the minor's parent(s) to the fullest extent allowable by law. Each time there is vandalism, the repairs and cleanup costs come out of the MBV community account. This money could be better spent on other community projects. If this vandalism continues, the MBVCA Board may be forced to consider an assessment increase just to cover the cost of dealing with the vandalism.

Thank you,

Mills Branch Village Community Association Board, Mills Branch Village Community Security Patrol and Sterling Association Services, Inc.