Similar criminal activity in Ogallala during same time period under investigation by Ogallala Police Department.

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Possible suspects have been identified but no arrests made thus far in an investigation into acts of criminal mischief within the city limits of Grant during the early part of January.

According to Perkins County Sheriff Jim Brueggeman, the sheriff’s office is investigating damage to six vehicles parked on the street that have had side windows shot out.

Brueggeman said the suspected weapon used in the acts of vandalism is believed to be a pellet gun.

Five of the six window shootings occurred between the late night hours of Jan. 6 and the early morning hours of Jan. 7, said the sheriff.

The sixth incident was reported to have occurred between Jan 8-10.

Damage to the first five vehicles is estimated to total $2,345. Four of the vehicles damaged were parked within one block of East 8th Street and Hancock Avenue. The fifth was parked in the vicinity of West 8th Street and Garfield Avenue, said Brueggeman.

The sixth vehicle damaged was parked near the intersection of 4th Street and Central Avenue—the damage was estimated at $400 on the vehicle.

Brueggeman said the sheriff’s office has not had additional reports of similar incidents since Jan. 10.

The Ogallala Police Department is investigating at least twice as many reports of similar incidents of vandalism occurring in Ogallala during the same time period, said Brueggeman.

The Perkins County deputies, who discovered a number of the damaged windows while on routine night patrol Jan. 6, have conducted neighborhood canvasses in the areas where the crimes occurred to seek information from nearby residents.

Sheriff Brueggeman asks anyone with information about the crimes to contact the Perkins County Sheriff’s Office at 308-352-4564.