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Bloomington Police Investigate Damaged Parking Meters

The Bloomington Police Department is currently investigating intentional damage to numerous parking meters in the downtown area. The damage was discovered by a Parking Enforcement Officer on the morning of October 23rd. Initially, it was believed that the damage was contained to meters located around the Courthouse square, but officers continue to locate additional damaged meters on nearby downtown streets.

At this time, 125 parking meters have been determined to have been vandalized. The meters were spray-painted with green and pink paint and the coin and card slots were filled with expanding foam. Damage to the meters is estimated to be approximately \$5,000. Motorists may still park at the damaged meters using the *ParkMobile* phone app.

Replacement parts have been ordered to fix the vandalized meters and is being overnighted to ensure that repairs are made as quickly as possible. Investigators are currently reviewing surveillance footage from downtown businesses in an effort to identify those responsible for the mischief. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Jon Muscato at (812)349-3326.

Attached is a picture of a damaged meter.

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