

Vandals' Parents Liable for \$500 in School Damages

Suburban parents of children who vandalize public property were punished by Livonia police and public school officials that Michigan law makes them liable to \$500 damages.

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school and, vandalized a city park.

"Because the youths had no history of breaking and entering, history and the great difference in age of those approached, the police and court said that the parents would be fined with the juvenile court." Kirkwood said. "We preferred to wait the cost of repairing damages caused by children under 16 years of age, squarely on the part of the police and school officials has won enthusiastic support from the parents of thoughtless

adolescents who have been caught in the act of vandalism. The Livonia Board of Education, which we felt, could take the firm steps needed to get the restoration."

Detective Lieutenant Robert J. Turner pointed out that the police and court did not stop the adolescent which draws off an unbelievable toll of public money in America each year.

"Parents," Turner said, "must be involved and help stop these wasteful pranks. If they fail, the only recourse is to force the family and parents to pay for the damage done."

Upton said that, besides broken windows, spilled ink, emplaced fire extinguishers, and other malicious destruction of property, some objects such as soft drink cans and cigarette ashtrays were stolen.

The total damage to the Jefferson school was \$418.76. This is only a part of the twenty thousand dollars worth of damage done to Livonia schools each year, Upton pointed out.

night which discourages break-

kids damaging school property,

we intend to have their parents

pay for it," he pointed out.

Board of Education and the

taxpayers of Livonia intend

to stop vandalism in our schools,

public buildings, and parks.

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clean up vandalized items. And this come to pass."

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