



## MIDTOWN PONCE SECURITY ALLIANCE

*Burglary Trio*



Jail mugshots obtained by open-records request to the Fulton County Sheriff's Office

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, Atlanta Police - with the help of Sgt. Cooper MPSA Patrol - captured a trio of white males who had perpetrated a residential burglary in the 200 block of Ponce de Leon Avenue. They attempted to flee, but were apprehended near Ponce and Boulevard. Atlanta Police are still very early in their investigation, but they are reviewing burglary and theft cases in Midtown, Virginia Highland, and elsewhere.

As a stated motive according to APD officials, they perpetrated the burglaries to support an out-of-control drug habit. Our burglary investigator further pointed out that the criminal history of the trio leads to believe that they are likely to once again return our neighborhoods to continue their criminal activity.

**Timothy Kozak** was booked for Theft for taking and burglary. He is already on probation for theft of services and forgery in the first degree, so he could have plenty of jail time coming. Public records show numerous arrests in Fulton County for various offenses in recent months. He was previously convicted and incarcerated in New Jersey for burglary. He also has a rap sheet in Georgia dating back to the early 1990's.

**Michael McGuire** was booked for burglary and theft by taking, and was also wanted for a probation violation at

the time of arrest. According to the Fulton County jail website, he already had outstanding charges going into this week's incident for possession of cocaine. Prior to his arrest, McGuire had already come under our radar, and we were aware of him living in the Ponce de Leon Hotel.

**Jonathan Wells** initially gave a wrong name when apprehended by APD, but his identity was later determined to be. The Georgia Department of Corrections website shows several periods of incarceration in Georgia for offenses including burglary. He was also arrested for burglary in March of this year.

**All three are connected with the Ponce & Boulevard drug scene, and are frequently seen in and around the Ponce de Leon Hotel.** We will be working closely with Sharla Jackson, our community prosecutor, to ensure the removal of these incorrigible individuals from our neighborhood. This will be a high-priority court watch case for us, and we strongly feel that probation should never be an option when someone violates the safety of one's own home.