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Urban Invaders Arrested

On September 12, 2005 Saint Paul police responded to a report of three people entering the sewer system through a man hole at the intersection of Kellogg Blvd. and St. Peter Street. Saint Paul officers met with two Ramsey County Deputies who had witnessed three males climb into a sewer through a manhole and shortly after, two climb out of the same manhole. Officers detained the two males and they told the officers they belonged to a group called urban invaders. Urban invaders go into underground places for adventure and to explore.

The males told officers they first entered the same manhole a week earlier and came across a wooden door they could not open. The males said their curiosity got the best of them so they came back on September 12 with tools to try and open the door. Two of the males had climbed out of the tunnel to retrieve additional tools for their attempt to open the door, when police stopped them. Police, Fire and Public works personnel were preparing to search for the third male in the underground sewer and water system when officers were able to contact the third male by his cell phone. Officer convinced the third male to turn himself in.

In addition to tools, lights and climbing equipment, police recovered smokeless powder and fireworks from the scene. Some of the fireworks recovered are not legal in Minnesota, but would be legal in other states.

Initially, officers received information that the males may have entered the Ramsey County Court House through the tunnels, but further investigation revealed there was no unauthorized entry to the court house.

All three males were college students at Northwestern College and all three were arrested for terroristic threats, attempted burglary and possession of burglary tools. A copy of the police report with arrest information can be obtained under CN 05-196-630.