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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Warren County Sheriff Kevin Harrison reports the arrests of a Truesdale Missouri man for a burglary spree throughout Warren County spanning the last year. The suspect has been identified as:



George D. Augusta III, W, M, 30 Years Old  
Bel-Aire Trailer Park, Truesdale MO  
Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree  
Stealing Over \$500.00  
Bond \$50,000.00 Cash or Surety

The initial arrest was the result of a 911 call from a homeowner on December 21, 2012 at approximately 5:48pm. The victim arrived home to observe the suspect pulling out of their driveway, and then noticed that their home had been burglarized. The homeowner was able to provide suspect and vehicle information to dispatch, and that was immediately broadcast to local law enforcement.

WCSD Patrol Corporal Todd Clark responded to the 26000 Block of Woodridge Drive in Warrenton to investigate the burglary. Within a short time of dispatch putting out the suspect and vehicle information a patrol officer from the Truesdale Police Department observed the suspect vehicle on Highway M near the MFA in Truesdale. The suspect was stopped and detained for the investigating deputy. Upon making contact with Augusta, Corporal Clark located numerous items stolen from the Woodridge burglary inside the vehicle.

As a result of the subsequent investigation Corporal Clark learned of several additional burglaries around the general Warrenton area committed by Augusta. WCSD Jeff Doerr and Lieutenant Matt Schmutz were added to the investigation and spent the next two weeks responding to locations identified by Augusta to clear burglaries and recover stolen property.

To date 23 separate locations have been identified where Augusta broke in and stole items. The oldest burglary dates back to February of 2012. Some of these burglaries have not even been detected or reported yet since often a homeowner doesn't notice tools or equipment missing from their home, garage, or shed until the next time they go to use it and discover it's not there. Locations range from within the City of Warrenton up north towards Truxton, and then east towards Wright City. All of the locations discovered to date are in the northern portion of Warren County.

Items recovered included numerous guns, televisions, jewelry, computers, cameras, swords, antiques, air conditioning units, rare coins, musical instruments, CD's, DVD's, video game systems, video games, tools, leaf blowers, weed eaters, power tools, household decorations, photo albums, Christmas decorations, and an arrow-head collection. Some of the recovered property is displayed in the following pictures.



Investigators are still working to locate any remaining burglaries and to recover all property possible. The task of identifying victims and matching them to their property is a time consuming process, but the department is committed to getting each piece back to its rightful owner.

Augusta stated he started to break into homes because he was unemployed and needed money to make child support payments. As investigator's track the money trail at pawn shops and other outlets where Augusta was selling stolen property they suspect the thefts may have also been fueled by a drug addiction. Other suspects have been identified and will be charged in the near future. At this time Augusta has only been charged with the Woodridge burglary. Additional charges for the other burglaries and stealing are pending.

  
Sheriff Kevin T. Harrison