

BURGLARY RING SOLVED IN SOUTHWEST GRADY COUNTY

SHERIFF ART KELL ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED AND AN ARREST MADE IN A MULTI COUNTY BURGLARY RING THAT INCLUDES GRADY COUNTY. BACK IN MAY, A CITIZEN REPORTED HIS NEIGHBORS HOUSE HAD BEEN BURGLARIZED. AFTER THE REPORT WAS MADE, BURGLARS HIT THE HOUSE SEVERAL MORE TIMES.

SHERIFF KELL SAID; "WE BELIEVE NUMEROUS RESIDENCES HAVE BEEN BURGLARIZED MULTIPLE TIMES BY THIS RING OF CRIMINALS. THESE WERE NOT AMATEURS, THEY WERE REAL PROFESSIONALS WHO COULD BREAK INTO A HOME TAKING EVERYTHING OF VALUE IN A MATTER OF MINUTES CAREFULLY TO LEAVE NO TRACE OF THEIR IDENTITIES. IT WAS ONLY AFTER AN INTENSIVE 6 MONTH INVESTIGATION BY GRADY COUNTY SHERIFF INVESTIGATORS, WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE SUSPECTS AND SOLVE THESE CRIMES."

BACK IN OCTOBER, BRANDON PENDLEY WAS INTERROGATED BY GRADY COUNTY INVESTIGATORS. HE FINALLY CONFESSED TO HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUNTY BURGLARIES. AN ARREST WARRANT WAS ISSUED FOR THE SAME BURGLARIES TO STEVEN RAY HICKS OF DUNCAN. HICKS AND PENDLEY ALSO HAVE OUTSTANDING WARRANTS IN STEPHENS AND COMANCHE COUNTIES.

SHERIFF KELL ALSO STATED: WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATIFIED THAT BY WORKING IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE AREA. WE HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN SOLVING THESE WIDESPREAD AND LONGTERM BURGLARIES. SHERIFF CONCLUDED: THERE ARE MANY BURGLARY CASES THROUGHOUT GRADY COUNTY THAT THIS OFFICE HAS OR INHERITED THAT WE ARE COMMITTED OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME PURSUEING EVERY POSSIBLE LEAD.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION OR LEADS ON ANY CRIME CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 405-222-1000 OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE WWW.GRADYCOSHERIFFCOM "SUBMIT A TIP"