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Police Blotter

Burglars strike in township

Oakland County Sheriff's Deputies are investigating three residential burglaries believed to have been committed on Thursday, Dec. 11. Homes on Griswold, Nine Mile and Napier roads were victimized by what investigators believe are two (or more) burglars.

"When we get three of these in one day, it's obviously the same guys," said Lyon Township substation commander Sgt. Mark Venus. "They're looking for Christmas presents."

Among the items reported stolen were televisions, laptop computers, videogame systems and jewelry. Also reported missing were a .22 revolver and cash, to include a collection of vintage 1930s \$2 bills.

Although locked, entry doors were reportedly kicked in or pounded with a hammer. In one case, Venus said that the doors were locked, but that the garage door was left open. The homes were on large-parcel lots, each somewhat distant from the nearest neighbor.

Venus recommended that homeowners leave a light on when away from home, if possible. He said that burglaries of this nature tend to occur more often in the weeks before Christmas, and that additional patrols would be sent around the more rural streets of the township.

Investigators are looking into a possible description of the vehicle that may have been used by the burglars, and asked that anyone with information please contact (248) 437-5600.

Local man faces theft charges

A Lyon Township man was among three alleged thieves charged last week with first degree retail fraud. Investigators from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department said the trio, who each face up to five years in prison, are believed to have stolen approximately \$20,000 worth of jewelry from the Meijer store in Rochester Hills.

Charles Clever, 38 of Lyon Township, Christopher Goddard, 20 of Springfield Township, and Robin Hughes, 47, of Waterford Township, were arraigned Thursday, Dec. 11 in 52-3 District Court, and were being held in Oakland County Jail pending a hearing this week.

Investigators said that Clever and Goddard would enter the store early in the morning, pried open the jewelry display cases, and quickly left in a vehicle driven by Hughes.

Sheriff's detectives from Rochester and Oxford and Commerce townships are investigating what the department called "a series of jewel thefts" at various locations in the county.