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## **Multijurisdictional Burglary Investigation Leads to Arrests**

An extensive and coordinated investigation began in early 2010 when Investigators throughout central Virginia identified a trend of residential burglaries in rural areas. On September 13, 2010, area law enforcement agencies contributed to the execution of four search warrants, three in Chesterfield County and one in the City of Richmond, and apprehended two individuals suspected of being responsible for this crime spree. **Maurice J. Becton**, 29, and **Dominyce J. Brown**, 24, both of the 5200 block of Castlewood Road in Chesterfield County, were arrested and charged with crimes related to this investigation. Becton is currently incarcerated in Chesterfield County and Brown in Powhatan County.

Over 20 law enforcement agencies are currently sharing evidence to determine the extent of Becton and Brown's activities over the course of 2010. Currently evidence linking the two has been developed in 18 jurisdictions and involving over 80 residential burglaries. The agencies representing these communities are working with their respective Commonwealth's Attorneys to determine the best strategy for prosecution.

The following agencies contributed to this investigation:

Amelia County Sheriff's Office	Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Office	New Kent County Sheriff's Office
Ashland Police Department	Goochland County Sheriff's Office	Powhatan County Sheriff's Office
Brunswick County Sheriff's Office	Hanover County Sheriff's Office	Prince Edward County Sheriff's Office
Buckingham County Sheriff's Office	Henrico County Police Department	Prince George Police Department
Caroline County Sheriff's Office	King William County Sheriff's Office	Richmond Police Department
Chesterfield County Police Dept.	Louisa County Sheriff's Office	Sussex County Sheriff's Office
Cumberland County Sheriff's Office	Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office	

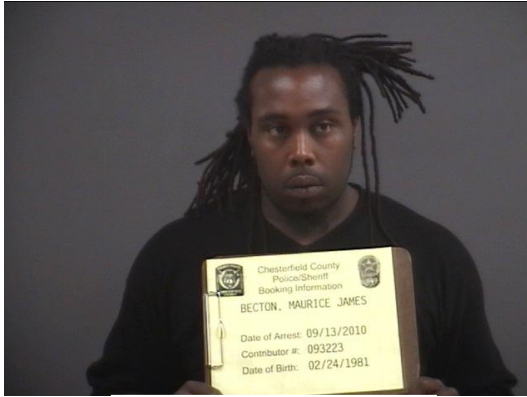
"Burglaries are not only a financial hardship on homeowners, but these crimes also violate the feeling of security in what is supposed to be a sanctuary. We are very pleased with the level of cooperation that led to these apprehensions and the citizens in each locality should be proud of the efforts of their agency. The investigators will continue to collect evidence and share information in these cases to support the prosecution in each of these jurisdictions," said Colonel David R. Hines.

Arrestee photos are on page two.

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