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The Hanover County Sheriff's Office has arrested multiple suspects involved in a series of residential break-ins, robberies, larcenies, and vandalisms stemming from one of the most notable one-day crime sprees that the County has ever experienced. Most of these incidents occurred on January 5, 2008, and a brief synopsis of each is outlined below for easy reference.

Residential Break-Ins:

On Tuesday, February 5, 2008, the Hanover County Sheriff's Office experienced a total of 4 residential break-ins, in both the Eastern and Central areas of the County, all of which occurred during the daytime. In evaluating this rash of break-ins, investigators believed they were likely linked to 2 additional daytime break-ins in the same areas of the County, both of which occurred less than a month prior. In all of these cases, thousands of dollars worth of electronic equipment were stolen, along with other irreplaceable valuables. Fortunately, all of the homes were unoccupied at the time of the break-ins, so no one was injured.

During the course of the investigation, Dana M. Rye, a 30-year-old white male of the 5600 block of Tumbleweed Circle located in Henrico County was developed as a suspect and was arrested February 15, 2008. Rye has been charged with 6 felony counts of breaking and entering, 5 felony counts of grand larceny, and 1 misdemeanor count of petit larceny. Rye is currently being held with no bond at Pamunkey Regional Jail in Hanover County. As a result of Rye's arrest, the Sheriff's Office was able to recover thousands of dollars in stolen property belonging to the victims of this rash of break-ins.



Dana M. Rye

The dates and locations of the break-ins for which Rye has been charged are as follows:

- 1/16/08: 11400 block of Ashcake Road, Ashland, VA 23005
- 1/22/08: 6200 block of Blackbear Trail, Mechanicsville, VA 23116
- 2/5/08: 12100 block of Melton Road, Ashland, VA 23005
- 2/5/08: 13000 block of Green Creek Court, Ashland, VA 23005
- 2/5/08: 10300 block of Summer Hill Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116
- 2/5/08: 4300 block of River Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Robberies:

Also on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, the Hanover County Sheriff's Office experienced a total of 2 robberies along the Rt. 360 corridor in Mechanicsville. At approximately 3:00 a.m., a black male entered the 7-Eleven convenience store located at 5515 Mechanicsville Turnpike and robbed the cashier of his wallet, which contained an undisclosed amount of U.S. currency and various other personal items. Subsequently, the suspect fled in a dark colored vehicle. Fortunately, no one was injured during this incident.

Then, at approximately 6:40 a.m., a black male with a similar description robbed an individual in the parking lot of the Holiday Inn Express, which is located at 7441 Bell Creek Road near Mechanicsville Turnpike. Subsequently, the suspect fled in a vehicle. Although the suspect displayed a weapon during this robbery, no one was injured.

Shortly after releasing the surveillance footage of the suspect involved in this incident, the Sheriff's Office received an anonymous tip from an individual who had viewed the footage on a local media outlet's web site. Based on this tip and other information, 3 felony warrants were obtained on February 7, 2008, for Terrence L. Pierce, who is a 34-year-old black male of Baltimore, Maryland. Pierce was located and taken into custody on February 8, 2008, by Maryland authorities, where he remains in custody pending an extradition hearing.



Terrence L. Pierce



7-11 Surveillance Video (2-5-08)

Larcenies and Vandalism:

Also on February 5, 2008, the Sheriff's Office received 3 reports of items stolen overnight from vehicles located in the Cool Spring Forest subdivision. One of these vehicles was also stolen from its driveway. In addition, 2 houses under construction in the Rutland subdivision, which adjoins Cool Spring Forest, had copper piping stolen from them and were vandalized causing thousands of dollars in damage. Similarly, two weeks prior to this incident, 4 homes in the Rutland subdivision had copper piping stolen from them as well.

Later in the morning, the Sheriff's Office learned that the two suspects involved in these incidents wrecked the stolen vehicle in the City of Richmond near the Henrico County line. They were found walking on Mechanicsville Turnpike by an officer with the Henrico County Division of Police, who stopped and detained the suspects. The two suspects were identified as Daniel W. Parsley, who is a 20-year-old white male of the 9300 block of Cool Spring Road, and Christopher J. Seay, Sr., who is a 20-year-old white male of the 9400 block of Cool Spring Road. Both Parsley and Seay are residents of Hanover County. Subsequently, the suspects were taken in custody by the Hanover Sheriff's Office and each were charged with 3 felony counts of grand larceny and 2 felony counts of vandalism. They are currently being held at Pamunkey Regional Jail in Hanover County.



Daniel W. Parsley



Christopher J. Seay, Sr.

With the assistance of the community and the local media, coupled with swift, determined, and intelligent police work, the Sheriff's Office was able to solve these crimes in less than two weeks. Accordingly, the Sheriff's Office wishes to thank everyone involved for their valuable contributions. "We have an incredibly talented and dedicated workforce who is highly adept at solving crime. However, this underscores the fact that we are only as effective as the community allows us to be in fighting crime. We all realize that in order to be truly effective, we need the help of everyone in our community. Fortunately, we enjoy a strong partnership with our citizens and media outlets who continue to support us in our efforts, making our community safer for everyone," said Lt. Col. David R. Hines.

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