



## **Sidney Police Department**

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

**Friday, February 21, 2014**

On Friday, February 21, 2014 the patrol division of the Sidney police department arrest two individuals involved with early hours burglaries that occurred in the Campbell Rd area of Sidney.

At around 7:00 AM the Sidney Police Department received two separate reports of burglaries occurring at 1256 Turner Drive and 409 Hall Street. In both burglaries the attached garages were entered and items taken from vehicles parked within. At 1256 Turner, the residence of Jamie Schreiner, removed from the vehicle was a Garmin GPS unit and some misc. change. At 409 Hall, the residence of Kathy Spillers, removed from that vehicle was a money bag containing \$710.

At around 9:00 AM officers were dispatched to the parking lot of Tractor Supply (1650 Michigan Street) when a call was received from a private citizen that a pickup truck parked in the lot had two individuals sleeping in it that had a hand gun in open view sitting on the dash board of the truck. When officers arrived they discovered two individuals in the truck sleeping. A gun was observed on the dash board on the passenger side of the vehicle. The passenger was observed holding a knife in hand. When the occupants were awoken by the officers they were secured without incident.

Upon conducting a search of the vehicle officers discovered that the gun on the dash board was an air soft handgun. Two other airsoft handguns were discovered in the truck's compartment along with the money bag taken from the Hall burglary. Shoes worn by the occupant passenger appeared to have a tread design matching that of what was observed in the snow at the Turner burglary. The occupants were found to be in possession of \$539 that is known to be what was left of the \$710 taken from the Hall burglary.

Questioning of the occupants confirmed both of their involvements in the burglaries. Arrested and charged with two counts of Burglary, felonious of the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, are Robert Berning, age 19, address at large and a 17 year old male juvenile from Sidney. Berning was transported to the Shelby County Jail. The male juvenile was transported to Juvenile Detention.



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This case was made by both “heads up police work” by the responding patrol officers and more importantly a citizen getting involved by calling in what they felt was something suspicious or out of the norm.

The Sidney Police Department asks all citizens that if they ever feel that they have observed something suspicious to call the Sidney Police Department at 937-498-2351 or Crime Stoppers at 937-492-8477 (TIPS).

*Captain J A Tangeman  
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