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NEWS RELEASE

Suspected Burglary Ring Suspects Caught

In what Escambia Investigators are calling unusual target's, 30 Businesses have been identified as being victims of a Burglary Ring that targeted Hair and Nail Salon's and Bridal/Wedding Stores.

Beginning in early June of this year, approximately 19 Hair and Nail salons were targeted by (4) suspects who would break out the front window, enter the store and target the cash register. Also targeted were Bridal/Wedding stores. These Burglaries dated back to February of this year.

On June 3rd, Jim's Computers, a store in Ensley, was targeted by these suspects. The owner got video surveillance after the burglary. It was the video from this store that captured the suspects as they targeted a different store in the same strip mall on June 28th. From the video gathered, investigators were able to gather suspect information and with the cooperation of investigators from the Pensacola Police Dept and the Santa Rosa Sheriff's Office, who had similar burglaries, the suspects were identified.

The following suspects are facing charges of Burglary, Grand Theft and Criminal Mischief in each case. Facing charges are: Maurice Tremane Williams, 18, of Pensacola. Kendrick Demetris Meshea Barren (21) of Pensacola, Richard Jesse Beverly II, (19) of Pensacola and one suspect who is currently cooperating with investigators and helping clear some of the Burglaries.

Last week, Escambia Investigators recovered (96) Formal Dresses and Wedding Gowns valued at \$30,000 from Barren and Williams apartment.

Investigator Joanna Wilson, who is the lead investigator in the case, estimates that between 200-250 more dresses could still be unrecovered. The investigation continues at this time.

Any Business Owner that has been a victim of a similar crime in the past few months is asked to call the Escambia Sheriff's Office Investigations Unit. At this time only about (27) of the dresses have been returned to the businesses.

This Press release can be viewed from the
Escambia County Sheriff's Office Website at www.escambiaso.com.

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