

Warren Man in Custody after Burglarizing Home Where Residents Had Been Sleeping

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Today, sheriff's deputies solved a burglary and theft of digital equipment from a residence in which the victims were sleeping during the early morning hours of Thursday, March 5. The next day, a break in the case led to the arrest of a 25-year-old Warren man and the recovery of the stolen property.

Investigators took Austin G. Brown-Oliver into custody on felony burglary and theft charges when the suspect's attempt to sell the stolen items on a social media site led them to the residence where he had been staying. Deputies recovered two laptop computers and two digital cameras missing from the burglary which had occurred the day before at 58793 Saulser Rd. in South Columbia County.

The items were discovered missing when the family, which had purchased the equipment for an upcoming vacation, discovered their back door open and evidence that someone had been in the home while they were sleeping.

On Friday, March 6, the deputy who took the original burglary and theft call found the items for sale on a Facebook marketplace site, and his subsequent investigation led investigators to an address on Stone Rd. in Warren, where the suspect was rumored to be staying.

Deputies recovered the stolen goods and took Brown-Oliver into custody without incident. The

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items were subsequently returned to the victims in plenty of time for their upcoming trip.