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Press Release

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAMS WORK

HIAWASSEE, GA, MARCH 30, 2009: On January 26, 2009, deputies responded to an incident on Sheep's Cliff Rd. The property owner had discovered his home had been burglarized and his 46" Sony television had been stolen.

The neighborhood has a Neighborhood Watch program. Observant neighbors noticed someone out of the ordinary in the area and jotted down the vehicle description and the tag number. The information led Detective Wilson to Waynesville, NC. In Waynesville, Detective Wilson met with the local police department to assist in the investigation due to the jurisdictional boundary. The investigation in Waynesville resulted in the development of a suspect, William Brake, who lives in Blairsville, GA.

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On March 17, 2009, Detective Wilson and Investigator C.J. Worden arrested William Brake in Union County for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, false statements, and obstruction. The following day, on March 18, Detective Brian Wilson and Lt. Detective Mike Davis recovered the 46'' stolen Sony television.

William Brake is now facing burglary charges in Towns County and is still under investigation for other possible thefts. Towns County Sheriff's Office encourages Neighborhood Watch programs. "This case proves Neighborhood Watch programs work no matter how small you think the details may be," stated Detective Wilson.

In an unrelated incident, a turkey hunter discovered a four-wheeler and several tools on a mountaintop while hunting and notified the Sheriff's Office. The Honda four-wheeler and tools had been reported stolen recently. The owner of the tools and four-wheeler was pleased the property was recovered.

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