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Two Men charged in connection with the American Legion of Pickerington: Breaking and Entering



Johnny M Smith



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Ronnie J Caperton

[Lancaster, Ohio, June 19, 2015] Detectives have charged Johnny M. Smith Jr, 32, of 6554 Riverton Circle Pickerington, Ohio and Ronnie J. Caperton Jr., 32, of 1755 Alum Creek Dr. Columbus, Ohio in connection with the June 14, 2015 breaking and entering into the Pickerington American Legion.

On June 18, 2015 at 04:11 a.m. a deputy spotted a suspicious vehicle parked behind the Chevington Center Carry out at 8525 Refugee Rd. Pickerington. Upon checking, Sgt. Lee Hawks discovered Johnny M. Smith Jr. walking between buildings acting suspicious. After a check of his person and vehicle, narcotics were located and he was taken into custody. Later that morning the employees from the Grapevine Pizza reported their power was out overnight and it was discovered someone had tampered with the power box.

Upon further investigation into this incident detectives were able to link Smith and Caperton to the American Legion breaking and entering (that happened earlier in the week) from video footage identifying both men.

Detectives have been able to charge both, Johnny M. Smith and Ronnie J Caperton, Jr. with the following:

(1) count Breaking and Entering F-5 punishable by up to 12 months in prison or \$2500.00 dollar fine. Bond set at \$100,000 cash surety or \$50,000 dollars 10% and \$50,000 dollars reg.

(1) count of Theft F-5 punishable by 12 months in prison and \$2500 fine. Bond set at \$100,000 cash surety or \$50,000 dollars 10% and \$50,000 dollars reg.

Detectives and the Adult Parole Authorities are continuing to attempt to locate Ronnie J. Caperton Jr. If you have any information on his whereabouts please contact us at 740-652-7911.