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### SUSPECTS APPREHENDED AFTER CRIME SPREE

**[Lancaster, Ohio, May 25, 2010]** "The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office detectives and SWAT team members have arrested two individuals believed to be involved in a series of thefts and home invasions," stated Sheriff Dave Phalen. On May 18, 2010 deputies responded to the 200 block of Barr Dr. on a report of a robbery. Shortly before 2:00 p.m. the resident reported two men came to his front door asking to use the restroom. Once inside the home the men threatened the homeowner with a knife and refused to let him leave, while stealing his wallet before they fled from the home. The resident was slightly injured in the struggle.

Detectives were able to follow up on several leads and arrested **CORY M. BIGHAM-DOUGLAS, 22**, without incident. He has been charged with **Aggravated Burglary (F1)**, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and \$25,000 fine; and is currently being held on a \$50,000 bond.

Today **MATTHEW M. JONES, 24**, was arrested and also charged with **Aggravated Burglary (F1)**, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and \$25,000 fine.

Detectives from the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and the Lancaster Police Department believe these criminals have been operating for several months in Lancaster and surrounding areas. "We anticipate these individuals will face additional charges in other burglary cases being investigated," stated Phalen.