

PRESS RELEASE

Chief Wayne Payne announced the arrest of four people, two adults and two juveniles. One of the adults and the two juveniles were charged with Burglary and one of the adults was charged with Accessory After the Fact. The adults are identified as Stannevia Pritchett, 17 years of age and Ishmael Ratcliff, 18 years of age, charged with Accessory after the fact; both of D'Iberville.

Chief Payne said he and his officers responded to a residential audible alarm in the Forest Cove community. On arrival, Officers found the rear door of the residence had been forced open. Inspection of the residence revealed the suspects did not make entry due to the alarm. Officers also noted surveillance cameras installed on the residence.

Officers contacted the homeowner, who responded to the residence and provided access to the surveillance footage. The surveillance footage showed four males involved. After reviewing the video, a family member recognized one of the suspects and alerted police.

Captain Keith Davis, Criminal Investigations Division, said "After receiving the information from the homeowner, our job was simple, all we had to do was put the puzzle together". Captain Davis further stated investigators received information the suspects were hiding at Pritchett's residence, located in D'Iberville. Davis and other officers traveled to Pritchett's residence and made contact with the owner of the residence and Pritchett. The owner subsequently gave consent to search the residence. Pursuant to the search, Investigators found clothing items the suspects wore during the burglary.

Based on the evidence and statements, Investigators charged the suspects. More arrests are anticipated in this case.

The police department seeks the assistance of the community for any information about criminal activity in the D'Iberville community. Please contact the Police Department at 228-396-4252 or Crime Stoppers. Callers can remain anonymous.

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