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Re: Suspects nabbed in burglary crime spree

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Anthony Michael Moss
DOB 01/21/1990



Justin Michael Nugent
DOB 04/28/1987

Hernando County Detectives have linked Anthony Moss age 20 and Justin Nugent age 23 to thirty (30) residential burglaries and vehicle burglaries in the Hernando County area. Their crime spree began May 9, 2010 and ended on May 24th after being arrested for the 2nd time in May for being in a stolen car.

On May 22, 2010, at 4:15 am, Hernando County Deputies stopped a vehicle for a broken tail light. During the traffic stop Deputies discovered that the vehicle was stolen and immediately placed Nugent who was the driver under arrest for the stolen auto. Moss who was the passenger was arrested at the same time for possession of marijuana. Both were taken to the Hernando County Jail. The vehicle had been stolen from 1238 Masada Ln, Spring Hill earlier during the night.

By Sunday night (05/23/10), Moss and Nugent bonded out of jail. Once released from the jail the crime spree immediately began. Detectives were able to determine that Moss and Nugent walked to the area of Barclay Ave and Spring Hill Dr; where they targeted the Pristine Place area by getting into unsecured vehicles and removing items of value.

During the same night Moss and Nugent secured a ride to the area of Highpoint where both subjects jumped the fence and started making entry into occupied and vacant homes. After being captured Moss told Detectives that he targeted the occupied homes because his theory was if the people were home so were their wallet and purse containing money. Justin Nugent according to

the Detectives acted as Anthony's lookout however he is linked to burglarizing vacant homes with Moss.

Moss and Nugent's methods in picking targets were simple. They committed these burglaries by just walking around the neighborhood, driveway to driveway checking for unlocked cars. If the vehicle was unlocked they would enter it and take anything of value. In one case inside the unlocked Ford Focus Moss found the car key so they stole the car and drove to another neighborhood to continue the crime spree.

Moss said that they specifically targeted adult communities and he entered homes thru unlocked lanai screen doors or they cut the lanai screens and entered occupied homes through front or back doors that were left open. Nugent would be driving around the neighborhood waiting for Moss to call him after he was finished burglarizing homes.

During the night of May 23 and morning of May 24, 2010, Moss and Nugent burglarized cars and homes in Pristine Place, High Point and Woodland Waters before heading south to Pasco where they burglarized homes and vehicles. On May 24th, Hillsborough County Deputies at the request of Hernando County Detectives located Moss and Nugent in an apartment complex and arrested them for possession of the stolen Ford Focus. They were later booked into the Hillsborough County Jail.

Detectives Velez and Detective Little were able to determine that one of the cell phones that Moss and Nugent had in their possession was stolen in Hernando County. The same day that they were arrested, Detectives Velez and Detective Little went to Hillsborough County and interrogated Moss and Nugent. Moss agreed to go with the detectives and show them all the homes and cars he could remember they broke into.

Thus far in the investigation Detectives have nailed down that Moss and Nugent's crime spree started immediately after being released from jail on Sunday 05/23/2010 21:20 hours and continued until 06:00 hours on Monday 05/24/2010 all taking place within a 9 hour time frame. This arrest was for the first car that had been stolen on 05/22/10. According to suspects statements they targeted at least if not over 100 homes and vehicles with said period between Hernando and Pasco County.

This investigation yielded closure of 30 cases in Hernando County alone however it is believed that others have gone unreported. Out of the 30 cases 14 were committed to homes where the victims laid asleep as the suspect rummaged thru their home. As far as the vehicles are concerned the victims were in their homes while the burglaries took place.

This investigation is currently on going and active and there are facts to support the belief that Anthony Moss has been targeting this and other counties for at least the past two months.