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Media Release

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Re: Suspect Arrested in Register RV Burglaries

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Register RV Sales has been the victim of periodic criminal activity in the form of vehicle burglaries and criminal mischief complaints since January 2013. In an effort to identify and apprehend a suspect, deputies have been conducting surveillance in the area of the business.

On 06-29-13 at approximately 12:50 a.m., deputies observed a male dressed in dark clothing walking in the parking lot of the business. The deputies watched as the male moved back and forth between the RVs; he was holding some sort of bag.

When the deputies approached the male, they observed that he was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, dark colored pants, dark gloves, and a gray cloth covering his face from the nose down. The deputies immediately ordered him to the ground, at which time he dropped a flashlight and a screwdriver.

The male was detained and transported to the District II office for an interview.

Post Miranda, Mark Wendell Davis advised that he is homeless and lives in the woods. He admitted that he opened the unlocked storage bins of an RV at Register RV Sales. He removed water bottles and pesticide from the bin and placed the items in the bag he was carrying. He told deputies he did this “because he is homeless and needs to survive.” He also admitted to being at the Register RV Sales parking lot multiple times, and previously entering “at least eight more RVs.” He claims he was searching for food, water and/or toilet paper. Davis told deputies that he did not break the windows in the RVs, that “when he touched them, they just fell apart from being in the sun all day.”

Deputies noted that the clothes that Davis was wearing at the time of his interview and arrest were the same clothes that he wore when he was captured on Register RV's video surveillance on 06-09-13 burglarizing two RVs in the parking lot.

The following cases have been closed with the arrest of Mark Wendell Davis W/M DOB/06-22-1962:

- 2013-19120: (2) Vehicle burglaries initiated on 06/09/13.
- 2013-18130: Criminal mischief which was initiated on 06/01/13.
- 2013-00749: Vehicle burglary initiated on 01/09/13.
- 2013-01940: Criminal mischief initiated on 01/21/13.
- 2013-02701: Criminal mischief initiated on 01/28/13.
- 2013-04342: Vehicle burglary which was initiated on 02/12/13.
- 2013-10108: Criminal mischief initiated on 03/31/13.
- 2013-21638: Vehicle burglary initiated on 06/29/13.