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Re: Update -- Hernando County Couple Jailed on Multiple Counts of Burglary

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Update

On 06-20-2021, a manager from CubeSmart Self Storage located at 4867 Commercial Way contacted the Sheriff's Office after discovering a lock on a storage unit that was supposed to be vacant.

Upon locating the lock on the storage unit, the manager removed it.

Inside the storage unit, the manager discovered multiple construction items to include cabinets, doors, and windows.

The manager advised the storage unit was in proximity to the storage units the Sheriff's Office had searched on 06-17-2021, where detectives located various stolen items from recent construction burglaries.

Rodney Patrick Brewer DOB/08-12-1980 and **Jennifer Marie Brewer DOB/11-27-1984** were arrested on 06-17-2021 in connection with 19 construction burglaries and the more than 200 stolen items previously located in storage units at CubeSmart.

Investigation revealed the storage unit discovered on 06-20-2021 was related to the investigation involving Rodney and Jennifer Brewer. Several of the items in the storage unit had labels tying them to homes burglarized by the suspects.

CubeSmart staff completed an inventory of vacant storage units to ensure no others units were being illegally utilized by the suspects.

Both Rodney and Jennifer Brewer were each charged with an additional count of **Burglary of a Structure**. The additional charge brings the total number of Burglary of a Structure charges to 20 counts for both Rodney and Jennifer Brewer.

As a result of the new charge, Rodney Brewer's bond was increased to at \$205,000, while Jennifer Brewer's bond was increased to \$203,000.

Both remain jailed at the Hernando County Detention Center.

Original information

On 05-16-2021 at 2:17 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a construction burglary on Marvelwood Road in Weeki Wachee.

The victim reported various items to include a large quantity of flooring was removed from the residence that was under construction.

Over the next several weeks, 18 additional construction burglaries were reported in and around the area of the initial construction burglary on Marvelwood Road.

Numerous items were taken from the houses under construction to include flooring, paint, cabinetry, doors, windows, ceiling fans, and a kitchen sink. More than 200 items were reported stolen from the burglarized homes.

On 06-13-2021 at 12:33 a.m., a witness living on Blue Jay Avenue in Weeki Wachee observed a U-Haul truck pull in and then back up to a neighboring residence that was under construction.

The witness confronted the driver and told him he was calling law enforcement. The driver, later identified as **Rodney Patrick Brewer DOB/08-12-1980**, got back into the truck and left the scene.

Deputies were quickly able to locate the U-Haul traveling on Ridge Road and conducted a traffic stop.

Rodney Brewer and his wife, **Jennifer Marie Brewer DOB/11-27-1984**, who was a passenger in the vehicle, were detained at the scene.

Rodney Brewer initially advised the couple was dropping off property at the residence on Blue Jay Avenue.

Investigation revealed Rodney and Jennifer Brewer had both been on the property on Blue Jay Avenue. While Jennifer Brewer remained in the vehicle, Rodney Brewer entered the residence to look around.

With consent from Rodney Brewer, deputies searched the truck and found various items including a dolly, tools, carpet, wood trim, and other construction-related materials.

Deputies noted the U-Haul matched the description of a vehicle observed at the site of a previous construction burglary.

Rodney Brewer soon became uncooperative with the investigation and closed the door to the back of the U-Haul truck.

The Brewer's were transported to the Sheriff's Office for further questioning by detectives.

Jennifer Brewer advised the couple was driving around the area looking for properties due to being evicted from their current residence.

She further advised they utilized the U-Haul truck to move their property to a storage facility located in Spring Hill. Both suspects denied involvement in any construction burglaries.

Following questioning, both Rodney and Jennifer Brewer were arrested on charges of **Trespassing on a Construction Site**. Rodney Brewer was also charged with **Driving with a Suspended License**.

On 06-17-2021, detectives executed a search warrant at CubeSmart Self Storage located at 4867 Commercial Way where the Brewer's rented a storage unit.

Detectives found stolen items in the Brewer's storage unit. Additionally, with the help of staff at the storage facility, detectives located several other storage units being illegally utilized by the Brewer's.

Upon entering the storage units, numerous stolen items from the construction burglaries were located.

In all, Rodney Brewer was charged with 19 counts of **Burglary of a Structure** and three counts of Drug Possession. His bond was set at \$195,000.

Jennifer Brewer was charged with 19 counts of **Burglary of a Structure**. Her bond was set at \$193,000.

The Office of Sheriff:

The Office of the Sheriff is established by the Florida Constitution. As a constitutional officer, the Sheriff has the exclusive authority to administer his or her agency and is responsible for preserving the peace throughout the entire county, carrying out the laws of the state, the orders of Florida courts, and the ordinances of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement and correctional officer of the county.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis was initially appointed as the Sheriff of Hernando County by the Governor in January of 2011. He was then elected by the people of Hernando County in 2012, ran unopposed in 2016, and was re-elected in 2020. Sheriff Nienhuis remains accountable to the people of Hernando County.