

MEDIA RELEASE

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Church and Home Burglaries

Since the end of November, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office has received reports of five different churches across the county being burglarized and/or vandalized. It appears that the suspects are targeting sound and electronic equipment in the churches. We have also had a large number of home burglaries reported over the last month.

Sheriff Harris said, "These kinds of incidents, especially in homes, are common around the holidays. Suspects know that people have done Christmas shopping, buying electronics and other expensive things and are probably storing them in their homes. This kind of thing happens every year, but when you factor in the slow economy and folks being without jobs, we see even more of it.

"We just want to encourage everyone to take extra precautions to keep their homes safe. We also want to encourage people to be on the lookout around your churches – if you notice anything unusual or suspicious, contact us or your local police department."

We are investigating the church burglaries that have been reported, and will release more information as it becomes available.

