

MEDIA RELEASE

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Sheriff Jimmy Harris states as follows:

On Saturday night around 9:00 p.m., the Sheriff's Office received a call from a subject at Belcher's Gap Church, located on County Road 4 in the Aroney-Rodentown area. The caller reportedly had been working at the church, preparing for a birthday party, had left, and when he returned, the door of the church had been kicked in. The caller pulled into the church parking lot, to keep lights on the building, and thought he saw someone crawling out of a back window.

After Deputies received the call from dispatch, they observed another vehicle parked just down the road in a neighboring church's parking lot. While watching that car, deputies saw another car pull up with a gas can, as if assisting the subject in the first vehicle that had run out of gas. A deputy approached the vehicle and questioned the individuals present. When the deputy attempted to start the vehicle, he found that it was running fine. After further questioning the individuals there, officers obtained sufficient information to arrest all three on charges of Burglary and Criminal Mischief.

The three subjects arrested were Garrytt Edward Lamar Ard, 18, Johnny Keith Brothers, 19, and Jammie Austin Harriel, 20, all of Crossville. Each was charged with Burglary 3rd Degree and 2nd Degree Criminal Mischief. They were transported to the DeKalb County Jail, where they remain at this time awaiting bond.

Sheriff Harris said, "This is another great example of how much more effective law enforcement can be with the help of vigilant citizens in the community. Had this person not been aware of the situation at the church there at Belcher's Gap, we might not have been able to make these arrests. We always appreciate receiving information from the community."

