

MEDIA RELEASE

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Sheriff Jimmy Harris reports the arrest of James Richard Himer, 31, of Grove Oak, related to several burglaries that have occurred over the last week. The first report, taken November 16 in the Fyffe area, revealed forced entry into a home on County Road 18 and property damage to a fence. The report noted a green Ford Taurus having been parked at the house. The second report, taken the afternoon of November 17, concerned burglary and theft from a home on County Road 1959. Computers, Mary Kay cosmetics, boxes of clothes, and miscellaneous household goods were taken in this burglary. On the evening of November 17, a gentleman reported having seen a green Ford Taurus backed up to the house on County Road 1959.

On November 18, another report was made by the owners of the house on County Road 1959. This time, VCRs, a microwave, firebricks, clothes, and additional household items were reported to be missing.

Later that afternoon, Deputy Van Douglas reported to Investigator Hal Nash that he had located a green Taurus matching the description of the one seen at the crime scenes. Deputy Douglas initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle and Inv. Nash reported to the location. Inside the vehicle was driver James Richard Himer and Joshua Eugene Burnham. A check of the driver revealed an outstanding warrant from Guntersville Police Department. Himer gave officers consent to search his vehicle, at which time items were found matching the description of those reported stolen in the burglaries. Himer was arrested on the outstanding warrant, which was for Harassing Communications. Further investigation led to Himer being charged with 9 counts of Burglary 3rd Degree. His passenger, Burnham, was charged with 1 count of Receiving Stolen Property 3rd Degree.

Approximately \$10,425 in property related to these burglaries was recovered and all has been returned to the owners.

Himer remains in jail at this time on \$60,000 bond, while Burnham was released Thursday after posting \$1,500 bond.

