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Burglar Arrested in Residence

Due to the vigilance of a concerned citizen, three adults were arrested for Burglary in Pend Oreille County. On Monday, October 31, 2011 a watchful neighbor noticed a vehicle parked in an odd location across the road from his neighbor's rental property in the 8000 block of Scotia Road. Knowing the renter was out of the area the citizen stopped to see what was going on. He contacted an adult male in the vehicle. The male claimed to have run out of fuel and said he had someone bringing fuel to him. Before leaving, the neighbor took down the license number of the vehicle and called the property owner. A short time later the vehicle sped off from the area and the property owner responded to his rental home. At that time the property owner and the concerned neighbor noticed someone still inside the rental home and called the Sheriff's Office.

When deputies arrived on scene they observed signs of forced entry and could hear banging sounds from within the rental home. Deputies announced their presence and made commands for the suspect(s) to exit the residence, but no one would come out. Deputies requested a K-9 and the Spokane Police Department assisted by providing a K-9 and handler. James T. Lowry age 38 of Newport was located hiding in the residence and was taken into custody without incident.

Subsequent investigation led to the recovery of stolen property and the additional arrests of Newport residents, Anthony L. Schaff, age 28, and Tiffany R. Smith, age 33, all have been charged with Burglary.

The Pend Oreille County Sheriff's Office would like to recognize the help of our citizens and encourage all citizens to report suspicious activity. By working together we can make a positive difference.

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