

### Pair Accused of High Dollar Jackson Co Theft

(KAIR)--Two arrests are made following a report Friday regarding a burglary at the Jackson County location of a cell phone tower belonging to a telecommunications company.

Taken into custody are two Topeka men, 50-year-old David Wallace Brooks and Earl Kuhn III.

Sheriff Tim Morse tells MSC News the report of the crime was made around 4:30 in the morning. "The Sheriff's Office received a report of a burglary in progress at 12100 U. Road, and that's in southeastern Jackson County. It's the sight of a large radio tower there, a former AT&T tower and outbuilding there."

Morse says it didn't take long for deputies to arrive on the scene, but the two suspects had already fled, but were located later in Topeka. "Deputies arrived soon thereafter, believed that the suspects had traveled east on the low maintenance road into Jefferson County. Detectives [shortly before the noon hour] made two arrests in Topeka."

Morse says Brooks and Kuhn are accused of stealing thousands of dollars worth of equipment during the burglary, using a stolen pick-up truck to haul their ill-gotten gains. "Approximately \$6,000 to \$8,000 worth of cabling and about \$3,000 worth of generators were taken from the facility. Mr. Brooks [at the time of his arrest] was in possession of a Ford F150 pick-up truck that was believed to be used in the burglary and had been reported stolen out of Platte County, Missouri."

Following their arrests, Brooks and Kuhn were booked into the Jackson County Jail on charges including burglary, conspiracy to commit burglary and felony theft.

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