

Armed burglary sparks search; runaways in custody

(KAIR)--A woman, expecting to meet her sister, arrives at an Atchison County residence the two were planning to clean; but the early arriving woman discovers a burglary in progress, and is held at knife point.

That's the scenario laid out by the Atchison County Sheriff's Office as the beginning of a case that landed two teenagers in jail Monday night, while the search for a third is continuing.

Sheriff Jack Laurie tells MSC News the woman was met by the knife-wielding teen as she inspected the noticeably burglarized home, located at 4123 Ottawa Road. "When she makes entry, she obviously noticed the back door glass open. She goes on in to check things out and sees kitchen cabinets open, and things gone through. Obviously, somebody had been in there. After [the woman called] the dispatch center, the suspect came out of the basement and held a knife to her."

As the teen demands the keys to her vehicle from the victim, another teen comes up stairs from the basement; and, believing the keys are in the vehicle, the two flee the residence. "When he demands the keys from her, she claimed they were in the vehicle, and they weren't. So, when they went out to the vehicle they realized the keys weren't in there, they got out of the car and took off on foot. She watched them, and the direction they went, so she was able to give a pretty good description of where they went. She calls back and told us what happened, and we were able to get assistance from the Highway Patrol and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, and they all got out there and helped us catch these two."

The two taken into custody are identified as Taggart Lee, of Atchison, and Davion Hollman, of Junction City. The two 17-year-olds had previously been reported as runaways from Junction City, Laurie says a third teen that escaped with them, 17-year-old Timber Martin, remains on the run. "He's a white male, 5' 5" about 100 pounds, and brown hair. Last seen with black clothing on, black pants, black shirt, and black hat."

As Lee and Hollman were arrested, the Kansas Highway Patrol, utilizing their air support, located a pickup truck, parked at a residence, located at 3274 Ottawa Road, where authorities believe Martin had been staying at the time Lee and Hollman allegedly burglarized the Ottawa Road residence. "Earlier in the day, the [Atchison] Police Department pursued this vehicle. They had to call off the pursuit due to the road conditions, the dust and things. Highway Patrol actually located the vehicle from their airplane. That's how we determined to go over to that residence and check it out as well."

The home is under construction, and not currently occupied.

The pickup truck had earlier been stolen in Junction City.

Lee faces a charge of aggravated burglary, while Hollman faces a charge of aggravated robbery.

Both faces charges of theft, criminal trespass, and criminal damage.

Following their arrests, they were transported to the Juvenile Detention Center.

Laurie says since the time of the search and arrests, his office has received a report that a residence at 5825 Phillips Road had been illegally entered after a window was broken.

However, no one was located in the home.

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