

Holton theft probe leads to Missouri

■ Raven Neece, Joshua Thigpen, and Karly Barnes/Credit: Jackson Co Sheriff's Office

**(KAIR)--The investigation into a suspected crime ring involving the theft of electronics to be sold online has led to a Missouri residence.**

**That follows the March 28 arrest of three Missouri residents accused of making three trips to the Holton Walmart to steal electronics as part of their alleged criminal operation.**

**Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse, in a press release, says his office joined with the Platte County, Missouri Sheriff's Office to serve a search warrant Friday at a Ferrelview, Missouri residence.**

**At the home, located near the Kansas City International Airport, Morse says items believed to have been stolen from the Holton Walmart, along with other electronic devices, ledgers, and documents, were seized.**

**Authorities believed the trio sold the electronics on Ebay.**

**The three were arrested after the Holton store staff March 28 recognized them from two previous trips and notified authorities.**

**A traffic stop followed near the store, and all three were arrested.**

**The two accused of committing the thefts in the store are 36-year-old Raven Neece and 31-year-old Joshua Thigpen, both of Ferrelview, Missouri.**

**With them in the car was 27-year-old Kansas City, Missouri resident Karly Barnes.**

**Morse says a search warrant was issued, and thousands of dollars of high-end electronics were found in the car.**

**It's believed the three stole from locations in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa.**

**Neece and Thigpen each face three counts of aggravated burglary, three counts of criminal trespass, felony theft, attempted theft, and two counts of tampering with a theft detection device.**

**Barnes faces charges of conspiracy to commit aggravated burglary, and**

**tampering with a theft detection device and theft.**

**When arrested, Morse says she provided a false name, believed to be that of her sister.**

**Following their arrests all three were booked into the Jackson County Jail.**

**Additional charges are expected.**

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