



HALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT



CRIME PREVENTION BULLETIN

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TO: Crime Prevention Program Participants
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(2) arrested in rash of burglaries in Lewisville, Flower Mound in which power lines were cut 12:54 AM CDT on Saturday, April 18, 2009
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“Police have arrested two Flower Mound suspects believed to be responsible for a recent rash of burglaries in which power lines were cut to disable home security systems. Kelly Zedekiah Couch, 19, and Gabriel James Thomas, 17, were taken into custody by Flower Mound police early Friday morning after traffic stop.... Authorities believe the pair committed at least a dozen residential burglaries in the two cities since late March. **In those cases, thieves would knock or ring the doorbell at a home and if they got no answer, would cut the power and telephone lines to the home to circumvent the alarm systems, police said.** Flower Mound resident Robert Brown’s home was burglarized around 1 p.m. Tuesday, just after his wife left to go to the grocery store. About 15 minutes later, she returned and found that a side door had been pried open and phone lines had been cut...”

LESSONS LEARNED:

- (1) When selecting a new alarm system or updating an existing one, consider utilizing a wireless communications system, which most companies offer. There is usually some additional cost, but it ensures constant monitoring in the event of the above scenario.
- (2) Make certain that your alarm system’s battery back-up is in good working order. Normally when these start to go out you’ll have some problems that will prompt a service call. The bottom line is that with a valid battery back-up and wireless monitoring, this tactic does nothing to circumvent the alarm system and law enforcement will still get the call.

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