



HALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BULLETIN

DATE: March 29, 2011
SUBJECT: Neighborhood Watch Results in Burglary Arrest

In 2009, the Hall County Sheriff's Office revamped its Crime Prevention program. With property crime trends on the rise nationwide, the department saw Neighborhood Watch as a valuable tool in combating those crimes and made it the primary focus of its efforts.

Since that time, Neighborhood Watch groups across the county have enjoyed success in a number of ways, and on March 23rd, Country Walk subdivision in South Hall added an arrest to the list.

On that day, two alert citizens observed an individual acting suspiciously at a house where they knew the resident, and they recognized that the person did not live there. After making their observations, the residents contacted the homeowner, who confirmed that the person should not be there.

Deputies and Investigators responded to the scene, and the investigation revealed that the house had in fact been burglarized. The witnesses identified the suspect who, as it turned out, lives in the neighborhood. An investigator interviewed that individual and subsequently arrested him for burglary, recovering property from the victim's residence in the process.

This is just one more example of a successful neighborhood watch in action. The program is founded on the basic principles of communication, observation, and reporting, all of which worked exactly as intended for this neighborhood. Good work and congratulations to the residents of Country Walk.

For more information on Neighborhood Watch or any crime prevention program, contact Sgt Stephen Wilbanks at the Hall County Sheriff's Office at 770-533-7674.

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