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News Release

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Sheriff Lavender reports that his office was dispatched to the 1000 block of Bowdle Road on 06/11/2013 at approximately 11:00 a.m. in reference to a Burglary.

Deputies arrived and found evidence of forced entry into the residence. Deputies started their investigation and began talking to nearby residents. A neighbor told deputies that he had observed a subject identified as 21 year old Matthew Z. Smith of Bowdle Road run across his yard carrying items.

Deputies went to Mr. Smith's residence and made contact with a subject identified as 23 year old Larell D. Netter of Ewing Street and Mr. Smith. Deputies observed items outside of Mr. Smith's residence that had been reported stolen from the residence on Bowdle Road. Deputies were able to obtain a search warrant for Mr. Smith's residence and were able to locate several other items that had been reported stolen.

All of these items were collected to be processed for fingerprints and placed into evidence. Deputies were also able to lift several sets of fingerprints from the residence where the burglary occurred.

Mr. Smith was arrested and charged with Burglary and Receiving Stolen Property. Mr. Netter was arrested and charged with Receiving Stolen Property and Obstructing Official Business. Both were transported to the Ross County Jail pending their arraignment.

This case has been turned over to the Detectives Division of the Ross County Sheriff's Office and the investigation is on-going.

Sheriff Lavender would like acknowledge the assistance of the alert neighbors whose watchful eyes made the quick arrest of the two suspects possible. It is this

neighborhood involvement that helps the Sheriff's Office solve crimes and keep the community safer.

Sheriff Lavender continues to encourage neighbors to report any suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Office at 740-773-1185 or Southern Ohio Crime Stoppers at 740.773.TIPS (local) or 1-800-222-TIPS