



## Office of Ross County Sheriff

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### News Release

**Sheriff Lavender reports that his office is investigating a burglary that occurred in the 500 block of Orr Road Chillicothe, Ohio today at approximately 11:20 am.**

**A neighbor passing by the residence noticed suspicious activity and called the Sheriff's Office. Deputies arrived and discovered that entry had been forced into the residence and it had been ransacked.**

**Deputies observed one of the suspects in his vehicle on Orr Road leaving the area. Deputies were able to affect a traffic stop on State Route 23 at the State Route 159 intersection. A second suspect was reported to have fled the Orr Road residence. Additional law enforcement resources were brought in from the Ohio State Highway Patrol (O.S.P) and the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office.**

**Air Units from O.S.P were able to locate the second subject who was hiding along the Scioto River. Deputies on the ground from Ross County and a canine deputy from Pickaway County along with O.S.P troopers captured the second suspect.**

**The two persons involved in this incident are identified as Michael A. Schlusser and Willard P. Allison. Both are being held in the Ross County Jail on Burglary charges.**

**This incident remains under investigation as the crime scene is being processed and evidence is being collected.**

**Sheriff Lavender again commends the involvement of the community in assisting law enforcement in solving crime. Additionally Sheriff Lavender wishes to express his thanks for the ongoing cooperation between the Ross County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Robert Radcliff and the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office, and the Ohio State Highway patrol.**