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Burglary Arrest / Supplemental Press Release

On March 31st, 2016, the Woodstock Police Department issued a press release informing the community of ongoing burglary investigations to Bott's Welding, located at 335 N. Eastwood Dr.

On April 1st, 2016, information was developed which identified a fifteen year old male subject as possibly being the person responsible for the burglaries. This information was received through an anonymous tip.

Woodstock Detectives met with the juvenile and his guardian at their Woodstock residence, and then interviewed him at the Woodstock Police Department. Numerous items that were stolen from Bott's, including a desktop computer, a laptop computer, a security camera and a router, were recovered from the juvenile's residence.

After conferring with the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office, the juvenile was charged with four counts of burglary (a Class 2 Felony) since probable cause existed that he entered the business through an unsecured window on four separate occasions over the span of a few days. The juvenile was released to his guardian.

Search for Burglary Suspect (Previously Released)

On Tuesday, March 29th, 2016, at 8:58 P.M., the Woodstock Police Department received notification from the owner of Bott's Welding, located at 335. N. Eastwood Dr., who reported an "In-Progress" burglary to his business.

Upon the arrival of Woodstock Patrol Officers, a suspect was observed through a window of the business. Within minutes a perimeter was established around the building and a search for the offender was conducted, which was met with negative results. It is presumed that the suspect escaped from the building prior to the perimeter being fully established.

Upon speaking to the owner of the business, it was learned that Bott's Welding was broken into over this past weekend, which a laptop computer was stolen. This previous incident was not reported to the Woodstock Police Department. However, the previous incident prompted the owner to install a security camera which captured still images of a suspect entering the building through an unsecured window on Tuesday evening. The camera, which was activated by motion, captured the image of the suspect using a long object knocking the camera down off its resting place. While the suspect was



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disabling the camera, still images were being sent “live” to the business owner, who in turn provided the up-to-date information to the Woodstock Police Department’s Communications Center.

The suspect is described to be a male White with blonde hair, approximately 5’08” with an average build, and was wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt and blue or dark colored pants. It was later confirmed that on Tuesday’s incident, the suspect stole a desktop computer and the newly purchased security camera.

The Woodstock Police Department is requesting the public’s assistance in identifying the offender captured on camera. Anyone having information on this individual is encouraged to contact WPD’s Criminal Investigations Division at 815-338-2131 or 815-338-6120.