

## Grays Harbor residential burglaries increase with summer heat

### Local News

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MONTESANO, Wash. - The Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office is warning of an increase in the number of property crimes they are seeing during the summer months. Chief Criminal Deputy Steve Shumate tells us over the last 30 days, they have responded to 26 reported burglaries. The most common items taken in the burglaries include: laptop computers, TV's, tools, guns, money, lawn and garden equipment such as chainsaws and trimmers, electrical wiring, etc. "We have seen an increase in the number of home owners who are installing alarm systems or surveillance equipment. Alarm systems range from about \$250.00 on up. An item that is less expensive but has been a huge benefit in the deterrence of these crimes is Game Cameras. These types of cameras can be purchased from \$50.00 on up. Just last month, the Sheriff's Department was able to solve a residential burglary to an East County home because of a game camera. A total of 4 suspects were charged with that crime."

With respect to the list below, investigators do look at trends and see if suspects from past burglaries have recently been released from incarceration, or are living in the area. At this time, some of the crimes have been solved however the majority are still active. As always, if anyone has information regarding any of the listed crimes, they are asked to call the Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Department.

<b>North Beach</b>	Burglaries occurred on Copalis Beach Road, Ocean City, Powell Road, and SR 109 in Copalis Beach	<b>South Beach</b>
	Multiple burglaries have been reported on Johns River Road; one burglary in Ocosta, and two in Grayland	
	<b>West (Central)</b>	
	Multiple burglaries on East Hoquiam Road, one on the Wishkah Road, and one in Grays Harbor City Hills	<b>East County</b>
		Burglaries have occurred on Stamper Road (Elma), Alfredson Road (Oakville), South Union Road (Elma), Mox Chehalis Road (Malone), Monte Brady Road, Chehalis Lane (Satsop), Garden Hill Road (Elma), Monte Elma Road, South Bank Road (Elma), and Elma McCleary Road (Elma)