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The Evanston Police Department in partnership with members of the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force wishes to announce a significant seizure of alleged stolen property as part of an ongoing investigation into numerous residential burglaries that have been seen in the Near North suburban area over the past several months. The Evanston Police Department, after experiencing an increase in residential burglaries in the last quarter of 2007, coordinated a task force of investigators from Skokie, Evanston and Wilmette Police Departments with the primary mission to focus on the burglary issue in all three jurisdictions by gathering intelligence, developing potential suspects and to conduct surveillances in areas with a distinct crime pattern.

During the last few months, several arrests resulted from the task force efforts and a great deal of information was gathered on the burglary problem. In early February 2008, a request was made to the administrating body of the NORTAF Burglary Investigations Team to assist in these efforts. The NORTAF team was activated and provided personnel and support services to the Evanston-Skokie-Wilmette team that was already in service.

While the burglary team was dealing with their burglary mission, members from the Evanston Police Department's Neighborhood Enforcement Team and Detectives developed information that narcotics were being purchased from a residence in the 1900 blk. of Emerson. Subsequent investigation led to the issuance of a narcotic search warrant for the residence of 1904 Emerson. On 15 February 2008, members of the Evanston Police Department with the assistance of other bureaus of the Police Department executed the search warrant. As a result of the search warrant, a substantial quantity of narcotics were seized, as well as, a number of weapons. As the officers executed the search warrant, they discovered what was believed to be a large quantity of stolen property at the location. A second search warrant was then prepared for the seizure of potential burglary proceeds. The search warrant was also executed on 15 February 2008 by the members of the NORTAF Burglary Task Force and the Evanston-Wilmette-Skokie task force.

As a result of both search warrants, a large quantity of evidence/potential burglary proceeds were recovered to include multiple flat screen televisions, digital cameras, high value watches and jewelry, numerous DVD and video games, fur coats, flatware, lap top computers, cell phones, bottles of wine, 5 handguns, 3 shotguns, ammunition, crystal pieces, coins, and numerous pieces of jewelry. All items were seized and transported to the Evanston Police station where a time consuming process of inventorying all the recovered property has begun. The investigators involved in this case consulted with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the following charges were approved from two subjects found at the residence at the time of the search warrant execution:

Rengay Frazier 1904 Emerson, Evanston 36 yoa

Charged with:

2 counts of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with the intent to deliver

2 counts of Unlawful Use of Weapon by a Felon

Felony Unlawful Possession of Cannabis

Misdemeanor Possession of Cannabis

Allan Boyland, 1904 Emerson, Evanston 42 yoa

Charged with:

Unlawful Use of Weapon by Felon

Misdemeanor Possession of Cannabis

Court date is set for 26 Feb 2008 9:00 AM in Skokie, Dist 2 Cook County

Although these arrests are significant, investigators are still working on this case and there may be more potential charges in the future. Once the inventory of the property is completed, investigators will begin to attempt to link the property to reported burglary incidents.

On Thursday, February 21, 2008, a press conference will be held at the Evanston Police Department on the recovery of this property. The press conference will be held at the Evanston Fire Department's Administration Building, 909 Lake St., Evanston, at 10:00 AM. After the press conference, the media will be allowed to view the property that was recovered as a result of this investigation.

Beginning on Thursday, February 21, 2008, viewing of the recovered property by victims from residential burglaries will begin. However, no public viewing will be allowed without an investigator from the responsible jurisdiction coordinating any showing. Detectives from area police departments are currently reviewing past burglary cases and will be contacting victims when potential property has been identified.

No further information will be available on this incident until the press conference on Thursday.