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## **NORTH COUNTY BREAK-INS INVESTIGATION**

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is working to catch those responsible for a rash of daytime residential burglaries in the north end of the county. Investigators say the thieves are getting more brazen and the break-ins are getting more frequent. The burglars are breaking or prying open windows or doors to gain entry.

Recently they've hit homes in the Auburn Road/Garden City area north of Crestview.

Investigator Randall Joiner says the thieves are targeting primarily jewelry and guns. He is urging residents who see anything suspicious or out of the ordinary to contact the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office immediately at 689-5705. The burglars may be approaching the houses in cars, on bicycles, or on allterrain vehicles.

Residents should also always take the precautions of writing down the serial numbers on their guns and valuables and taking photographs of their jewelry. This will not only aid in the investigation, but help ensure the property is returned to the rightful owner if recovered.

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