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ONE BURGLAR CAUGHT IN THE ACT, ANOTHER ON THE RUN

An Okaloosa County man has been arrested by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office for Burglary to an Unoccupied Dwelling, Grand Theft, Criminal Mischief and Resisting an Officer without Force or Violence.

On January 21, 2011 @ 12:34PM the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting a burglary to a residence that was in progress at 526 Landview Dr, located in the unincorporated area of Wright, southern Okaloosa County. The caller reported that two individuals had forced entry into the residence by breaking in a back door.

Property Crimes Investigator Matt Harrison was in the area conducting a follow up investigation into other residential burglaries when the call was dispatched. Investigator Harrison arrived on scene in a matter of seconds while the suspects were inside the residence. The suspects exited through the rear of the residence when Investigator Harrison challenged them. Upon seeing Investigator Harrison they re-entered the residence and fled through the front door.

Responding deputies quickly established a perimeter surrounding the area and a short time later, DEREK DEWAYNE LOCKHART, 21years old, of 505A Landview Drive, Fort Walton Beach, was taken into custody without incident by Deputy Mitch Landis. When LOCKHART was taken into custody he was in possession of property that was taken from the residence. An extensive search for the second suspect was terminated after a Sheriff's K-9 lost track of the suspects scent.

Property Crimes investigators continue to follow up on leads as to the identity of the second suspect.



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