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January 2, 2013

OCSO SOLVES MARY ESTHER BUSINESS BURGLARY AND RECOVERS THOUSANDS IN STOLEN JEWELRY



A joint effort by Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Investigations, Road Patrol, the Street Crimes Unit and a local citizen helped solve a Mary Esther burglary that had netted 18-thousand dollars in jewelry.

A majority of the stolen items from last month's break-in at 323 Page Bacon Road have now been recovered. The OCSO has charged 56-year old Sampie Hall of 205 Elaine Avenue in Fort Walton Beach with burglary, grand theft, possession of burglary tools,

tampering/destruction of physical evidence and dealing in stolen property.

With the help of a citizen, investigators were able to develop Hall as a suspect in the burglary at Diamond Works around 5:18 the morning of December 20th. During the break-in, the business's front window had been broken and multiple display cases were smashed. Several bags full of watches, wedding ring sets, and other jewelry had been taken.

A man contacted the Sheriff's Office December 23rd to say Hall had tried to sell him a large amount of jewelry and he later heard about the Diamond Works burglary. He immediately contacted law enforcement. Investigators were able to have the store owner positively identify several pieces the man had purchased from Hall.

A warrant was issued for Hall for dealing in stolen property. Deputies tracked him to a home on Cypress Street Wednesday, January first, where he was taken into custody. Hall admitted breaking in to Diamond Works, throwing out his clothes and some of his burglary tools, and hiding the jewelry in the ceiling of his home.

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Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO13OFF013842	Other No OCSO13CAD207063	OBTS
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[SUSPECT]

<u>Last</u> HALL	<u>First</u> SAMPIE	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Title</u> JR	<u>Race</u> B	<u>Sex</u> M	<u>DOB</u> 5/26/1957	<u>Age</u> 56	<u>Hgt</u> 510	<u>Wgt</u> 145
<u>Eyes</u> BRO	<u>Hair</u> BLK	<u>MNI Number</u> OCSO08MNI007178	<u>SSN</u> [REDACTED]	<u>ID. No.</u>	<u>St</u> FL	<u>Type</u> E	<u>OCA/Agency ID</u> 195965		

Birth Location: City: FLORALA County: State: AL Nation: USA Citizenship: USA

Address

205 ELAINE AVE FORT WALTON BEACH FL 32548

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: SELF EMPLOYED, Job Title: YARD WORK, Entered: 1/1/2014

Business: UNEMPLOYED, Job Title: , Entered: 5/5/2008

Suite:

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

HILL, DAVID 5/18/1958

HALL, SAMPLE

Street Names

* none found in MNI *

[INCIDENT INFORMATION]

Occurred Date Range: 12/20/2013 05:18 to 12/20/2013 05:21		Lat / Long	30.41906 / -86.65658		
No.	Di Street	Apt/Lot City	ST	Zip	(GEO)
323	PAGE BACON RD	MARY ESTHER	FL	32569	2 - 21 - -

[CHARGES]

810.02.2c2

BURGL

DWELLING OR STRUCT CAUSE DAMAGE OVER 1000 DOLS

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	First	Principal	2200		2299	

810.06.

BURGL TOOLS-POSSESS

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Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	Third	Principal	9000		2206	

812.014.2c3

LARCENY

GRAND THEFT \$10000 OR MORE BUT LESS THAN \$20000

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	Third	Principal	230D		2399	

918.13.

EVIDENCE-DESTROYING

TAMPER WITH OR FABRICATE PHYSICAL

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	Third	Principal	9000		4804	

[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

On December 21, 2013, the defendant, Sampie Hall Jr., did commit the criminal offense of Dealing in Stolen

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Property.

On December 20, 2013 at approximately 5:13 am, Diamond Works Jewelry Store located at 323 Page Bacon Road, Fort Walton Beach, Florida, was burglarized. The in store video surveillance captured a male subject wearing a black leather mask, dark colored jeans, black long sleeve shirt, dark colored mechanics gloves and black tennis shoes with white markings on the sides, break out the front window of the store and crawl through the small opening in the glass. Once inside the store, the subject began smashing the glass display cases with a metal pry bar and removing large amounts of jewelry from within the cases. The subject retrieved two purple plastic bags from the store and began filling them with all of the jewelry. After filling the two purple bags and another bag he brought into the store with him, he exited through the same hole in the glass and walked east down the sidewalk.

Among the items taken were multiple ladies and men's Pulsar watches, approximately 30 to 35 gold plated necklaces, bracelets and earrings, multiple crystal pendants on silver chains, approximately 133 Valina white gold sample wedding ring sets and multiple other miscellaneous jewelry items.

The Valina sample wedding ring sets are all squared on the bottom and contain tags that read, "Sample Valina". Also, the words "VT Sample" are inscribed inside of all the rings. These rings are not sold to the public and can only be purchased by a jewelry dealer for display only.

On December 23, 2013, I was contacted by a witness who advised me he that had been contacted by the defendant on December 21, 2013, and asked if he was interested in purchasing several jewelry items. When the witness told him he was, and the defendant agreed to meet with him. When the two met, the witness stated that the defendant removed several bags that were full of new jewelry that still contained the tags. Among the bags were two purple plastic bags that the witness described as "purple shopping bags with cut out handles." It should be noted that the bags removed from the store by the masked burglary suspect were exactly as the witness described. The witness went on to explain that he observed multiple plastic bags that contained white gold wedding ring sets. He said the rings had tags on them that said, "Valina Sample" and he also observed the word "Sample" inscribed on the inside of all the the rings he looked at. He also said that the rings were flat on the bottom and not round like a normal ring would be. The witness stated he also observed the words "Diamond Works" on some of the tags on the other jewelry. After looking through the Jewelry, the witness picked out a silver Pulsar 200 Meter diving watch with a black rubber wrist band, another silver Pulsar Kinetic 100 Meter watch with a black leather band, a gift set containing earrings and a necklace with matching yellow stones, 3 crystal cross pendants, 1 silver necklace and 1 white gold wedding ring. The defendant told the witness that all of the jewelry combined was worth approximately \$6,000.00 but he would sell it to him for \$2,500.00. The witness told him he didn't have that kind of money and asked for a price on the items he had just picked out. The defendant sold the items to the witness for \$50.00 and the witness took the items home.

The witness advised he later heard about the Diamond Works store burglary and immediately reported this information to law enforcement. The witness also turned over all of the items that he purchased from the defendant. All of the collected items were then shown to the owner of Diamond Works who positively identified them as items taken from the burglary. The store owner also provided me with photographs of both of the actual watches in the display case prior to the burglary.

It should be noted that blood evidence was recovered from the scene of the burglary and has been submitted to FDLE for processing and comparison to the defendant.

This offense did occur in Okaloosa County and is a direct violation of F.S.S. 812.019(1) Dealing in Stolen Property.

On December 20, 2013, the defendant, Sampie Hall Jr., did commit the criminal offenses of Burglary of a Structure Causing Over \$1,000 in Damage, Grand Theft of Property More Than \$10,000 But Less Than \$20,000, Possession of Burglary Tools and Tampering/Destruction of Physical Evidence.

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With all of the above listed information, a warrant application for Dealing in Stolen Property on the defendant was walked through, approved and activated that same day.

On January 1, 2014, I was contacted and advised that the defendant had been located and arrested on the active warrant. Upon his arrest, the defendant was advised of his Miranda Warnings to which he stated he understood and agreed to answer questions without a lawyer present. The defendant was transported to the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division where I conducted a video and audio recorded interview with him. During this interview I explained to the defendant that I had gathered overwhelming evidence that indicates he was involved in the burglary of Diamond Works Jewelry Store. I also told him that blood was recovered from a broken display case inside of the store that had already been submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for analysis. I went on to explain to the defendant that I felt pretty confident he cut himself during the course of the burglary and that the blood results would soon be coming back as a match to his DNA that was already on file. The defendant asked me if he admitted involvement would I help him not go back to prison. I told him by assisting with recovering the stolen jewelry and returning it to the rightful owner, could not hurt him and that doing the right thing would only help him in the long run.

The defendant told me that he had the majority of the stolen Diamond Works jewelry hidden above the ceiling at his residence located at 205 Elaine Avenue, Fort Walton Beach, Florida. He explained that he has recently had difficulties finding a job due to being a convicted felon and that he had been contemplating burglarizing the Diamond Works Jewelry Store to assist with his lack of financial income. The defendant said he finally decided to go through with the burglary and walked to the jewelry store from his residence. He told me that he first attempted to gain entry to the

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store by removing the metal from the rear of the building and knocking a hole through the sheet rock. He said he crawled into the hole and entered what he thought was Diamond Works but discovered it was the In Style Hair Salon that was the business located just to the east of Diamond Works and in the same building. While inside, the defendant said he stole three or four music CD's and then crawled back out of the store. He then removed the metal from the back of Diamond Works and knocked out a hole in the sheet rock. He said that he found he would be unable to enter the store by this method due to plywood being installed on the other side of the sheet rock. The defendant said he then moved around to the front of the store where he used a large brick to break out a portion of the front glass window. He said he waited to enter the store for several minutes because he was having second thoughts of following through with the burglary. He decided to continue and entered the store. He said that he busted out the glass from several displays and removed a large amount of jewelry. After filling all of his bags, the defendant said he exited the store where he used the "cut through path" located on the back east side of the business and walked home. He said while walking back to his residence, he threw the CD's from the hair salon into a dumpster after deciding he didn't like the music.

The defendant told me that he disposed of all of the clothing he was wearing that night and the tools that were used to enter the buildings. He said that he threw the items into the bay directly behind the Fort Walton Beach Landing Park. He also told me that he threw approximately 30 of the jewelry items into the same location. He told me that he did still have the black mask and the mechanics gloves that he wore on the night of the burglary stored at his residence.

The defendant signed an Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Permission to Search form granting permission to search his residence. During this search, the defendant pointed out a specific area in the ceiling of his residence and advised we would find all of the stolen jewelry underneath the insulation. A blue canvas bag was recovered from that location that held two purple bags which contained a large portion of the jewelry that was stolen from Diamond Works. All of this jewelry matched the descriptions provided by the store owner. The defendant also pointed out the black ski mask and the blue and black mechanics gloves that he stated he wore during the burglary. Both of these items matched what I observed the suspect wearing in the video footage from Diamond Works.

All of the jewelry stolen from Diamond Works Jewelry Store was valued at approximately \$18,000.

The structural damage to the building that was caused by the defendant held an approximate repair value of \$3,000. The damage to the glass display cases caused by the defendant held an approximate repair value of \$2,500.

These offenses did occur in Okaloosa County and are direct violations of F.S.S. 810.02(2)(c)(2) Burglary of a Structure Causing Over \$1,000 in Damage, 812.014(2)(c)(3) Grand Theft of Property More Than \$10,000 But Less Than \$20,000, 810.06 Possession of Burglary Tools and 918.13 Tampering/Destruction of Physical Evidence.

I hereby swear (or affirm) that the facts established on this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature (Arresting Officer) _____ WEEKS, NOLAN S III 091
Name ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 2 day of January A.D., 2014 by _____
who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

Signature _____ Notary Public _____ LEO _____ CO

Commission No: _____ My Commission Expires _____

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[PHYSICAL EVIDENCE] PICTURES OF RECOVERED JEWELRY AND RECORDING OF INTERVIEW WITH HALL

[ARREST INFORMATION]

Arrested	Residency	Injured	Extent of Injury	Resist
1/1/2014 18:00	Within jurisdiction	None	N/A	No
		Arrested Prior	Arrest Jurisdiction	Alcohol
		Yes	Within jurisdiction	Unknown
No.	Di Street	A/L	City	ST Zip
219	NW CYPRESS ST		FORT WALTON BEAC	FL 32548
Arresting Officer		Unit	(GEO) 2 - 17 - -	Officer Type
091 WEEKS, NOLAN S III		OCSO/FSV/INV/CID		
Reporting Officer		Unit		Original Offense Jurisdiction
091 WEEKS, NOLAN S III		OCSO/FSV/INV/CID		OCSO
Forward to for approval				
OCSO/FSV/INV/CID				

Bond Set by LEO at Time of Arrest & Booking: \$0.00

- None
- ROR
- Cash
- Pro

Bond Set by Judge None ROR/Sign

Cash PTR

Any

Pro

PtIQ

Purge _____

SC _____

Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 2/4/2014 Time: 15:30

Instructions: OKALOOSA COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX EXTENSION

[DISPOSITION]

<u>Disposition Type</u>	<u>Release Type</u>	<u>Other Desc</u>
<u>Release Date</u>	<u>Release Time</u>	<u>Release Officer</u>
		<u>Printed</u> <u>Printed By</u>
		No
<u>Released To</u>		
<u>Court Disposition Type</u>	<u>Court Disposition Description</u>	

[ADDITIONAL PERSONS]

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COURT DISPOSITION: _____

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No Bill / Petition Issue Warrant Prosecution Approved

Signature of Assistant State Attorney

Date