

# Sheriff



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## **WARRANTS PENDING FORTWO BAKER RESIDENTS IN CONNECTION TO RASH OF CHURCH BURGLARIES**



Two Baker residents caught in the act while burglarizing a Santa Rosa County business last month will also be charged in connection with a string of church burglaries in Northwest Florida, including Okaloosa County.

26-year old Westley Steiner and 20-year old Anastasia Anderson were arrested during a break-in at Skateland on Stewart Street in Milton around 11:15 p.m. February 27<sup>th</sup>. Steiner was located inside wearing a mask and a “head lamp” while carrying a backpack with pry tools, gloves, bolt cutters, and hammers. Anderson was found waiting in a white Volkswagon hatchback nearby. When Santa Rosa deputies searched the car, they found a safe with an envelope from the Niceville church of God. That church had been burglarized January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Investigators say Anderson admitted to taking part in church burglaries with Steiner in Niceville, Harold (Santa Rosa County) and in Pensacola. She said stolen belongings could be found at their home at 1181 Blackberry Circle in Baker.

The Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office executed a search warrant at the home March 1<sup>st</sup>. They located numerous stolen goods ranging from a motorcycle taken from 1104 Blackberry Circle in Baker to musical equipment, a generator and laptops. They found items from Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Baker, Antioch Baptist Church of Crestview, First Baptist Church of Bluewater Bay, First Baptist Church of Milligan, Primitive Baptist Church of Crestview, and the Crossroads Church in Niceville.

Steiner and Anderson are currently in the Santa Rosa County jail on charges of burglary and criminal mischief. Their Okaloosa warrants will be served at a later date.

(photos of some of the stolen items on Page 2)



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