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LCSO/TPD Property Crimes Task Force Arrests Man Suspected in Numerous Burglaries

On July 23 2017, between midnight and 5:30 a.m., several vehicles were burglarized in the northeast area of Leon County, off Bull Headley Road. Several wallets were stolen, along with credit and debit cards. Around 6:00 a.m. that same morning, the cards were used at Walmart on North Monroe Street, as well as a gas station nearby. Through surveillance video, members of the Task Force were able to identify the suspect as Dwayne Vanvalkenburg, 35, as well as identify his vehicle, which had noticeable damage.

On August 5th, an LCSO investigator went by Vanvalkenburg's residence and confirmed the same car with damage, seen in the surveillance video, was parked in front of the house.

On August 7th, Task Force members responded to Vanvalkenburg's residence, where his vehicle was also located. After obtaining a search warrant and entering the home, numerous gift cards suspected of being purchased with the stolen credit cards were located. A search warrant was also secured for the suspect's vehicle. Inside the car, Task Force members located 7 grams of crystal meth with packaging baggies believed to be used for individual sale.

In addition, items ranging from empty wallets, laptops bags, backpacks, Ipad containers, and other items were seized. Task Force members believe these items indicate several more burglaries have occurred but victims have not yet been identified. Investigators believe Vanvalkenburg is responsible for numerous other burglaries around the Tallahassee/Leon County area and are asking anyone who believes they were a victim of burglary to please email frank.arias@talgov.com. You may also call LCSO at [\(850\) 606-3300](tel:(850)606-3300) or TPD at [\(850\) 891-4200](tel:(850)891-4200).

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ARRESTED: VANVALKENBURG, DWAYNE



Charges:

Burglary of a Conveyance (x4), Grand Theft (x2), Fraudulent use of CC under two times, Fraudulent use of CC over two times, and Possession of Meth WITS.

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