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### LCSO Deputies Net Three Arrests in Weekend Burglaries

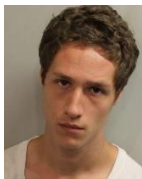
Over the weekend, Leon County Sheriff's Office Deputies arrested three suspects in two separate burglary incidents. One incident involved a burglary that occurred on May 24, at a business, in the 19000 block of Blountstown Highway, in western Leon County. Since January, three other burglaries were reported at the same location with thefts totaling over \$1500.00. As a result, the victim placed cameras around the property to capture any photographic evidence. Deputies viewed the photographs which showed a subject entering the property and stealing items. On May 23, deputies familiar with the burglary cases observed several of the stolen items at a residence on an unrelated call for service. As a result, deputies developed 21-year-old Michael Goodwin-Stephens as a suspect in the burglaries. Deputies made contact with Goodwin-Stephens at the residence and he subsequently admitted to conducting the reported burglaries and selling some of the stolen goods to friends. Deputies also recovered some of the stolen property located at the residence.

In a separate incident on May 23, 2020, deputies stopped a John Deere tractor traveling recklessly on the sidewalk of Woodville Highway. Deputies made contact with the two occupants of the tractor, 19-year-old Aaron Whitney and 17-year-old Frank Watson. During the investigation, deputies learned the tractor was owned by Leon County Schools and stored at Gene Cox Stadium, not far away. School officials responded and confirmed they were missing a John Deere "Gator" from the stadium, along with damage to an entrance gate and several office windows. Whitney and Watson both admitted to climbing the fence at the stadium and stealing the tractor, as well as a computer monitor that was also recovered.

Goodwin-Stephens and Whitney were transported to the Leon County Detention Facility. Watson was transported to the Juvenile Assessment Center.



**ARRESTED:** Michael Goodwin-Stephens  
**DOB:** 3/10/1999  
**CHARGES:** Burglary (4 counts)  
Grand Theft  
Petit Theft (3 counts)  
Dealing Stolen Property



**ARRESTED:** Aaron Whitney  
**DOB:** 5/18/2001  
**CHARGES:** Burglary  
Grand Theft  
Criminal Mischief  
Trespass on School Grounds



**ARRESTED:** Frank Watson  
**DOB:** 6/11/2002  
**CHARGES:** Burglary  
Grand Theft  
Criminal Mischief  
Trespass on School Grounds



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