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Man sought in connection with multiple business burglaries in Southern Hills



Suspect Michael Butler

An East Texas man is on the run after investigators procured multiple arrest warrants charging him with burglarizing businesses in Shreveport's Southern Hills neighborhood.

On March 15, 2018, Shreveport police patrol officers responded to Bombshell hair Salon in the 2500 block of Crestwood Drive on reports of a business burglary. Arriving officers learned that the business had been broken into during the night and an undisclosed amount of money taken from within.

On April 12, 2018, officers responded a rash of business burglaries in the Southern Hills area. Shreveport Sewing Center in the 600 block of West Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Shreveport Antiques in the 2800 block of Summer Grove Drive and Total Changes in the 600 block of West Bert Kouns Industrial Loop were all forcibly entered and property inside damaged. Cash and other valuables were taken in two of the burglaries.

Investigators released video footage of the burglaries but received no leads. Detectives worked together using the suspect's vehicle descriptions and other investigative tools to develop 56-year-old Michael Butler, of Deberry Texas, as the alleged suspect in the string of burglaries. Detectives executed a search warrant at his home in Texas. Following the search warrant, investigators procured a warrant for Butler's arrest charging him with four counts of Simple Burglary in connection to the aforementioned business burglaries. Bond was set at \$20,000.

Detectives believe that Butler is continuing to commit business burglaries in the Southern Hills area, some as recently as this past weekend. Butler could be driving a gray Ford truck or a white Chevy truck with a light bar on top and a toolbox in the bed. Police and investigators are actively searching for this individual and are asking the public's assistance. If you have information that can help locate Butler please contact investigators at 318-673-6955 or 318-673-7300 option #3. Persons wishing to remain anonymous can reach out to Shreveport Caddo Crime Stoppers at 318-673-7373 or via their app, P3Tips which can be downloaded in the app store. Crime Stoppers is an organization that pays cash rewards for information leading to the identification and arrest of people responsible for committing crimes.