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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Warren County Sheriff Kevin Harrison reports the arrest of a 25 year old man from Marthasville on charges of burglary, stealing, and invasion of privacy. The arrest stems from complaints dating back to 2009 from female residents of Marthasville reporting somebody was prowling around their homes, peering into their windows at night, and incidents of the suspect entering their homes. The suspect was identified as:



Jaybirth Harris, A, M, 25 Years Old  
800 Block of Daniels Trail, Marthasville, MO  
Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Attempted Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Stealing, Invasion of Privacy  
\$20,000.00 Cash Bond

On February 23, 2012 WCSD Deputy Randy Deatherage responded to Country View Lane in Marthasville to investigate a prowler complaint. The victims reported an unknown suspect damaged a window screen on their home. This same victim had a similar complaint in December 2011 when she located damage to her deck. WCSD Detective Scott Schoenfeld processed the crime scene regarding hand prints on the window, and a substance on the vinyl siding under the window that was confirmed to be semen. Detectives learned that a nearby resident installed a surveillance camera that recorded their yard and part of the neighbor's yard. The camera was placed in response to the concerns of the prowler / peeping tom around the house. Detectives obtained the video which showed a male subject standing outside the window and it appeared as if he was masturbating. Further investigation led Detectives to interview Harris on the following day and he confessed to entering the residence on Country Lane, and viewing into the homes to watch the residents while masturbating. Harrison commends the residents of Marthasville for being patient, vigilant, and for keeping watch out for each other. The information that ultimately led to the identification, arrest, and formal charging of this suspect was provided by the camera installed by a resident of the subdivision.