

RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE
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Richland County Sheriff Darrell Berglin reports that the two burglaries that occurred last Thursday, June 17, 2010 at the Bat Cave Tavern and then the following morning Friday, June 18, 2010 at DJ's Kiwk Stop in Gotham have been solved.

According to Berglin, suspects broke into the west basement door of the Bat Cave and removed numerous bottles of liquor from the bar early Thursday morning then on Friday morning at approximately 1:24 am suspects broke into the south door of DJ's Kwik Stop and 4 burglars removed liquor and cigarettes from that business.

Sheriff Berglin stated that upon learning of the DJ's break-in deputies responded to the scene to gather evidence. A canine unit was then called in to assist at the scene. A Grant County K-9 unit who responded to the scene then tracked a piece of evidence at the scene to a nearby residence. A search warrant with that information and additional information was then obtained and executed at approximately 6:00am Friday morning.

The sheriff said that after subsequent investigation two suspects were taken into custody late Friday afternoon. He said that as the investigation continued over the weekend another individual was arrested Saturday (June 19) and a fourth suspect was taken into custody on Sunday (June 20).

Arrested in connection with the Gotham burglary investigations were, Johnny E. Litviak, 18 of Spring Green, charged with 1 count of burglary and 1 count of theft; Timothy D. Kilby, 18, of Gotham, charged with 2 counts of burglary and 2 counts of theft; Dalton M. Everson, 17, charged with 2 counts of burglary and two counts of theft and Timothy R. Morrison, 18, of Plain with 1 count of burglary and 1 count of theft.

Sheriff Berglin said his deputies were assisted at the scene by members of the Richland Center Police Department, Lone Rock Police Department and the K-9 Deputy and dog from the Grant County Sheriff's Department.

The sheriff states that he feels the deputies and officers involved in the case did an outstanding job of following the evidence presented to them in the cases, conducting interviews of witnesses and suspects and ultimately solving both early morning burglaries. Berglin states that both investigations are continuing and that additional charges related to the burglaries and thefts are being considered.