

Fayette County Sheriff's Office

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During the months of September and October, Fayette County experienced a spike in residential burglaries. The burglaries were believed to be connected by a similar modus operandi where the perpetrator was taking a pillow case from the homeowner's beds and using it to carry items from the homes. Sheriff's detectives dubbed the perpetrator the "Pillowcase Bandit" and were actively seeking clues to help identify the man.

In October, sheriff's detectives obtained an important lead when a Fayette County homeowner observed a suspicious person and vehicle in the North Ridge neighborhood. Detectives used this information along with other eye witnesses statements, video surveillance footage, and historical LPR (license plate recognition) technology to identify a suspect.

Fayette County Investigators began sharing information and leads with detectives in other counties who have been experiencing similar crimes. The shared information led to focus on a single suspect. On November 18, 2013, 31 year old Terry Jamaal Anderson of Forest Park was arrested at his home in Forest Park, Georgia and charged with eight counts of Burglary in the first degree. Anderson is believed to be connected to other burglaries in Fayette, Coweta, Henry, Clayton and Cobb Counties.

During the course of the investigation, detectives also learned that 51 year old Randall Hill of Roswell, Georgia was an accomplice to some of the crimes; acting as the fence for some of Anderson's stolen jewelry. Hill was arrested in a Fayette County sting operation on November 21 and charged with Theft by Receiving Stolen Property.

According to Sheriff Babb, "We knew we had a serial burglar we dubbed the Pillowcase Bandit. Even with all our resources at work, one eyewitness gave us the edge to crack this case. We can't stress enough that our community is the best partner we can have and not to hesitate to call us if something is suspicious. Unfortunately we will not be able to charge this suspect with all the cases we believe he committed but we will have rock solid cases on the ones we can make. We especially want to thank the Henry County Police Department that worked with us in the final takedown and sharing in the investigation. Icing on the cake was using our suspect to set up his fence from Fulton County and taking him down with a solid case and putting him out of business. I can't brag enough on the men and women of the Sheriff's Office that stepped up to catch these perpetrators. Everyone got into the hunt for the Pillowcase Bandit."