



Fayette County Sheriff's Office

Barry Babb, Sheriff **October 15, 2013**

Press Information

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In the month of October, the Fayette County Sheriff's Office has responded to several burglaries in the northern half of Fayette County. A total of 14 burglaries have been reported and are being investigated by Sheriff's Detectives. The recent incidents come after Fayette County saw a decrease in burglaries compared to the first half of 2012. "We've stepped up patrols in the area and have committed a significant portion of our agency to specialized patrols," said Sheriff Barry Babb. Homeowners are encouraged to be vigilant and look out for each other. "If you see a vehicle that looks out of place or if you see any sort of suspicious activity, we want to know about it," said Sheriff Babb. The burglaries have been occurring during the daylight hours and mostly on weekdays when people are away at work. If you spot suspicious activity, you are encouraged to call 911.

On October 8, 2013 Fayette County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance on Sharon Court. While en route, dispatchers advised that the perpetrator had fled the scene. A Fayette County Sheriff's Detective heard the description of the perpetrators vehicle and initiated a traffic stop on Highway 54 on the Whitewater Creek Bridge. The driver of the vehicle, Robert Kelly, matched the description of the perpetrator and was taken into custody. Deputies responding to the scene learned that Robert Kelly had assaulted three women at his residence. After a recent separation, Kelly returned to his home and approached the back door. One of the victims called 911 upon seeing Kelly. He forced his way into the home and began to strike the women with a pair of pliers. Two of the women are related to Kelly. After the attack, Kelly fled the scene and was apprehended by the detective on the bridge. When EMS arrived on Sharon Court, they treated the victim's injuries and transported all three to Grady Hospital. Two of the women were later released, one remains in critical condition. Kelly was transported to the Fayette County Jail and charged with two counts of criminal attempt to commit murder, two counts of aggravated assault, two counts of aggravated battery, and felony criminal damage in the first degree.

On August 29, 2013 Fayette County Sheriff's Deputies took a report of a stolen motorcycle in north Fayette County. During the course of the investigation, detectives identified several suspects and obtained warrants for Jeffery Gotch, 30, Union City, Joshua Christmas, 27, College Park, and Ashley Baxley, 26, of College Park. Gotch was located by the Carroll County Sheriff's Office and arrested. Detectives learned that Baxley and Christmas were in Bay County, Florida. The Bay County Sheriff's Office was very cooperative and able to take Baxley and Christmas into custody. Both Baxley and Christmas are awaiting extradition to Georgia. All three suspects are charged with felony theft by taking. The motorcycle was recovered.

****Please attribute any statements in this release to Sheriff Barry Babb****