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MEDIA RELEASE

Unincorporated Round Lake Burglar Arrested, Evidence Recovered from Other Burglaries

On January 22, 2020, at approximately 12:45PM, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a residence in the 35300 block of North Nielsen Drive, Unincorporated Round Lake, for a report of recovered stolen property. While sheriff's deputies were responding, Lake County Sheriff's Telecommunicators obtained information from 911 callers that the suspect in possession of the stolen property was being detained by good Samaritans.

Further investigation revealed a man from Gurnee saw tools he was interested in purchasing on 'Facebook Marketplace.' The person he was communicating with, Michael J. Schuerr, 39, of the 35300 block of North Nielsen Drive, Unincorporated Round Lake, was the seller of the tools. Schuerr gave the Gurnee man his home address to buy the items.

The Gurnee man arrived in the area and couldn't immediately locate Schuerr's address. The Gurnee man saw one of Schuerr's neighbors outside and asked him if he knew where Schuerr lived, informing the neighbor he was there to buy tools from Schuerr. The neighbor, having recently been burglarized and having tools stolen during the burglary, decided he would walk the Gurnee man to Schuerr's house. When the two arrived, Schuerr opened his garage door and the neighbor saw his toolbox and tools which were stolen in the burglary.

The neighbor confronted Schuerr and Schuerr immediately closed his garage door and fled from the residence. The neighbor, along with another good Samaritan, followed Schuerr and eventually detained him until sheriff's deputies arrived.

Sheriff's detectives furthered the investigation and obtained a search warrant for Schuerr's residence, as he was the suspect in other area burglaries. Sheriff's detectives recovered property stolen from other area residents while conducting the search warrant.

After reviewing the facts, evidence, and circumstances, the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the

following charges for Schuerr:

Two counts of burglary (class 3 felonies)

Three counts of theft (class 4 felonies)

Schuerr also had an active failure to appear arrest warrant for unlawful possession of hypodermic needles.

Additional charges are possible.

Schuerr remains held at the Lake County Jail on \$35,000.00 bail. He is next due in court on February 13, 2020, at 1:30PM.

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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