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PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – Two Burglary Subjects Captured; Merchandise Recovered

A joint investigation by the Putnam County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) and Monterey Police Department culminated in the arrest of Dustin Graves, 28, and Anthony Howard, 29, both of Monterey on charges of aggravated burglary, theft of property, and possession of stolen property in connection with a burglary that took place at a home on Cherry Creek Road near Hwy. 70 E on Sunday, January 11.

Detective Sergeant Bryan Cook, Sergeant Josh Reams and Sergeant Tony Branch of the Sheriff's Office worked with Officer Jerry Clark of the Monterey Police Department to track down and arrest the alleged burglary subjects. In the process, they recovered most of the stolen property.

Sheriff Farris said, "I am very proud of how our Criminal Investigations Division and Warrants Division worked hand in hand with Monterey PD to quickly apprehend these dangerous subjects. Both are known drug users and have a history of theft. Our community can rest easier tonight knowing that they are behind bars."

On the morning of Sunday, January 18, Detective Sgt. Cook, Sgt. Reams and Monterey PD Officer Jerry Clark, following a lead, visited the home of Anthony Howard located at 748 S. Poplar Street in Monterey and found several items that were related to the burglary at the Cherry Creek Road residence. Howard, who was already in violation of probation, was taken into custody and charged with possession of stolen property. He was booked into the Putnam County Jail with a \$10,000 bond.

After leaving the Howard residence, Det. Sgt. Cook, Sgt. Reams and Officer Clark went to 324 Mineral Avenue in Monterey to locate the other suspect, Dustin Graves. After knocking and announcing themselves numerous times, they walked to the rear of the home and saw a prescription box through the window that belonged to the victim of the Cherry Creek Road burglary. The box had a recent fill date. This information was enough to obtain a search warrant. While Det. Sgt. Cook and Sgt. Reams left the scene to obtain the warrant, Sgt. Tony Branch, PCSO, joined Officer Clark to wait outside the home. During this time, three people came out of the house and Dustin Graves was one of them. After obtaining the search warrant, the home was searched and numerous items from the Cherry Creek residence were found. Dustin Graves was arrested and charged with aggravated burglary and theft of property. He was transported to Putnam County Jail and booked with a \$25,000 bond and \$6,000 bond, respectively.

The investigation continues. Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact the Putnam County Sheriff's Office at (931) 528-8484.

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