



Police nab two theft suspects; one reportedly confesses to more burglaries

Two men linked to an Oct. 13 Hidden Lakes burglary were arrested Thursday, and one of them has confessed to thefts in The Farm and Pine Ridge as well, police said.

The Bluffton Police Department reported Friday that 18-year-old Lance William Goethe of 10 Goethe Road in Bluffton and a juvenile partner were identified through photo lineup while in custody by several witnesses.

Before being taken to the Department of Juvenile Justice in Columbia where he awaits an arraignment, the juvenile reportedly gave a full confession to the Oct. 13 thefts. He took Detective Alexis Webber to the exact location where a safe and some papers were recovered during an investigation of a burglary at a Hidden Lakes Lane home.

The Hidden Lakes residents had returned to their secured home at 4 p.m. Oct. 13 to discover a break in. Alcohol, jewelry and a small safe full of personal documents were missing. Police found the missing safe and papers, which had been set on fire.

Goethe initially denied involvement, but later confessed not only the Hidden Lakes theft, but to burglaries during the past month in The Farm and in Pine Ridge. Some stolen property has been recovered and returned to the owners.

Another arrest is imminent, police said.



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Happy 231st birthday, Marine Corps

Monroe Boaz, a member of the Moss Creek Marines, hands a piece of Marine Corps birthday cake to Capt. David Moreau, the commanding officer of an Iraq-based company "adopted" by the Bluffton veterans group this fall. Boaz, the oldest member of the Moss Creek Marines, served on Iwo Jima in World War II. Moreau, the youngest Marine at Friday's birthday party in the Moss Creek Clubhouse, fought in Fallujah in Iraq. A Marine tradition requires the oldest Marine at each birthday party to pass the first piece of cake to the youngest. Moreau's reconnaissance company received calling cards from the Moss Creek group just a few weeks before departing for home last month.

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