

3 arrested for burglary of Pickton home

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For at least the third time in five days, Hopkins County sheriff's deputies Sunday morning caught up to burglars shortly after the crimes were reported.

Night shift deputies were notified at 3:57 a.m. Sunday of a burglary at a County Road 3372 residence; less than two hours later they'd located all of the stolen property except weapons at a residence down the road and had three people in custody, according to sheriff's reports.

Tyler Lorenzo Caruso and Michael Anthony Baker, both 28 and of Pickton, and Roxanne Michelle Jordan, 26, of Winnsboro were arrested at 5:44 a.m. Sunday for engaging in organized criminal activity. All three remained in Hopkins County jail Monday morning in lieu of \$25,000 bond on the first-degree felony charge, according to jail reports.

Night shift deputies were alerted at 3:57 a.m. Sunday that DVDs, rifles, a pistol, tools and other items were reported stolen from a residence in the 300 block of County Road 3372. Deputies received information about the suspect vehicle, and found it at Caruso's residence down the road from the victim's home, and information that the stolen items were likely inside, according to sheriff's reports.

The sheriff's officers, lead by Cpl. Wade Sheets, made contact with the occupants, who were at the location, then obtained permission to search the home. They found stolen property in several rooms at the residence, deputies noted on arrest reports.

All three suspects were taken into custody and the stolen items recovered. Caruso was noted to be "very verbal and hit his head several times on the cage between the front and back seat of the patrol vehicle," according to arrest reports.

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At the jail, investigators conducted interviews of the suspects. They received information that three additional items — banjos — could be found at a Sulphur Springs residence. They went to the location and retrieved all three banjos. Officers were also in contact with Dallas authorities Monday morning to try to recover the weapons, according to Lewis Tatum, chief investigator for Hopkins County Sheriff's Office.

The arrests marked the second time in six days deputies have arrested three people for engaging in organized criminal activity — specifically their collaboration in a burglary attempt. They arrested three men Tuesday for engaging in criminal activity in connection with a Spur 71 burglary, nabbing two men at the scene and the third down the road, according to sheriff's reports.

Deputies also arrested a man and woman Tuesday after catching them with a trailer and pickup loaded with metal they'd taken without permission from an abandoned building on State Highway 154 south, sheriff's reports noted.