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Another Mag Salesman Nabbed For Burglary

A second traveling magazine salesman has been arrested for burglary, this suspect for smashing out a window at a West Plains motel and entering the room where a resident was watching television.

Deputy Shawn Audie and others were called to the Cedar Village Motel at 5415 West Sunset about 1:30 a.m. Sunday. When he arrived, Audie found a man standing in front of the victim's room.

The suspect was bleeding profusely and screaming for an ambulance. Audie detained the man in handcuffs, identified him as Andre A. James, 23, of Massachusetts, and turned him over to paramedics.

The deputy then contacted the 50-year-old occupant of the room. The man told Audie that he was watching a movie when the front window of his room came crashing in and James crawled inside. The suspect was bleeding "all over the place."

The victim ordered the suspect outside and picked up his phone to call for help. However, the suspect pulled the phone out of his hands by the cord. The victim said he then tried to push the suspect outside, but James was slippery because of all the blood and he wasn't able to move him out the door.

James overturned the victim's bed and tried to hide beneath the mattress. The victim was eventually able to lure the suspect close enough to the open door to shove him outside.

Paramedics treated James and then Audie tried to determine his version of the event.

The suspect told the deputy he had a "three quarters of a million-dollar bounty on my head" from gangland connections throughout the United States, and said the victim's front window was his "emergency exit" for when they "hunted him down."

Audie drove James to the Spokane County Jail and booked him for Residential Burglary.

James apparently works with burglary suspect Duwane C. Walker, 22, who was arrested by the sheriff's Property Crimes Task Force for dozens of North Spokane County burglaries and forgeries last week.

The two are part of a transient crew of magazine salespersons working in Spokane County the past two weeks.

West Plains Business Loses Laptop

Deputies were called to Trans-System, Inc. Saturday morning after an employee discovered the office broken into and a laptop computer stolen.

Deputy Jeff Mitchell contacted the employee at the office, located at 7405 S. Hayford Road. He determined the thief had used a tool to twist the doorknob off the office door.

It appeared that the \$200 laptop was the only item stolen. Anyone with information about this break-in is asked to contact the sheriff's office at 242-TIPS.

Rape Report Unfounded

Investigation into the alleged kidnap and rape of a 34-year-old Otis Orchards woman February 25th has ended, and Detective Rob Sherar has ruled the report as unfounded.

The victim had alleged that her husband had struck her in the back of her head, sexually assaulted her and left her bound and gagged on the floor of her van.

Spokane Police officers found the woman bound with duct tape and zip ties in her van at Division and Cataldo. They tracked her cellular phone to determine her location.

Sherar's follow-up investigation indicated that the woman had staged the kidnap and assault. He said Monday that he did not anticipate filing any criminal charges against her.

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