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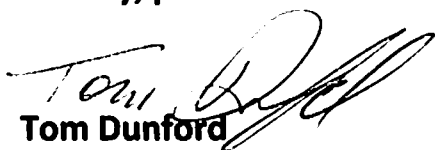
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News Release

Lea County- The Lea County Sheriff's Office has seen an increase in Burglaries and Larcenies over the past month in the residential areas north of Hobbs. As a result of these thefts, Investigative Sergeant Jeff Gray produced a plan to utilize extra man power to detect, deter/stop and/or arrest individuals involved in these thefts. This proactive approach has resulted in a decrease in Burglaries and thefts in these areas, due to our undercover patrols as well as marked units. These targeted patrols have resulted in 5 warrants being served, several traffic citations and numerous contacts with individuals in these areas.

During the month preceding this special detail, we took 5 reports for thefts totaling over \$14,000 in stolen property and in the two weeks since the patrols began we took no theft reports in the same area.

Our deputies are working very hard to reduce crime by completing many activities in our community and we are asking for your help! Please watch over your property, the neighborhoods, work sites and report to us any suspicious activity, persons or vehicles by contacting us at (575)396-3611.


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