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Sheriff Greg Champagne reports that four people were arrested over the weekend in connection with fifteen auto burglaries in the Destrehan Area.

In each of the burglaries, the victims advised that their vehicles had been left unlocked and the interior of the vehicle had been rummaged through. Some of the victims advised that they were unable to locate any missing items from their vehicles and others had items such as medication, hand tools, jewelry, phone chargers, laptop, go pro camera, Costa sunglasses, as well as wallets/makeup bags containing identification and debit/credit cards.

One of the residences where a burglary took place had video surveillance and captured images of two males walking from where a vehicle was burglarized, to another vehicle they burglarized.

On the morning of January 19, 2015, following the recent burglaries, a patrol office was in the area of Carolyn Drive, when he observed two white males on bicycles with flashlights. One of the males, identified as Aiden Smith, was found in possession of two mismatched socks, believed to have been used as gloves and several plastic grocery store bags. Smith also had a pair of Ray Ban sunglasses on his person. The second male, John Motta, had a pair of Costa sunglasses (\$220 value) around his neck and a Joe Rodeo watch (\$6,000 value) in his pocket. The subjects and the items on their person matched the description of the individuals on the surveillance camera and the items on their possession matched items taken in the auto burglaries.

Following investigation and recovery of most of the stolen property, the following were arrested:

John Motta V, 17, m
195 Carolyn Drive, Destrehan, LA
Burglary of Movable (15 counts)

Aiden Smith, 17, m
135 Pleasant Valley Drive, Des Allemands, LA
Burglary of Movable (15 counts)

Deric Pritchett, 17, m
43 Carriage Lane, D, Destrehan, LA
Burglary of Movable (15) Counts

Shyquile Posey, 17, M
721 Vans Lane, New Sarpy, LA
Possession of Stolen Property

"These quick apprehensions occurred due to the vigilance and determination of patrol deputies as well as the thorough and efficient follow up of our investigations division," said Sheriff Champagne. Much of the stolen property has been recovered and is being identified by the owners.