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TWO MEN CHARGED WITH 50 BURGLARIES IN MONTGOMERY, DELAWARE AND PHILADELPHIA COUNTIES;

Public Asked to Check Website for Their Stolen Goods



Leroy Boose



Anthony McDaniels

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (June 8, 2018) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele, Delaware County District Attorney Katayoun M. Copeland, Lower Merion Police Superintendent Michael J. McGrath, Abington Police Chief Patrick Molloy and Cheltenham Police Chief John Frye announce charges against Leroy Boose, 57, of Willingsboro, N.J., and Anthony McDaniels, 50, of Philadelphia, for burglarizing 50 residences throughout southeastern Pennsylvania.

The burglaries were committed throughout three counties—Montgomery County (38 burglaries), Delaware County (6 burglaries) and Philadelphia (6 burglaries)— between April 2017 and February 2018. Common categories of items stolen from homeowners were jewelry, electronics,

antiques, clocks, musical instruments, taxidermy, artwork and G.I. Joe collectibles, with the victims in the charged burglaries suffering a financial loss estimated to be more than \$1 million. The Montgomery County DA's Office will prosecute all 50 burglaries.

Boose and McDaniels were arrested on Feb. 11, 2018, in connection with four burglaries and have been held at the Montgomery County Correctional Facility since. Today, additional charges related to 36 additional burglaries and two attempted burglaries were filed against Boose, and 41 additional burglaries and two attempted burglaries were filed against McDaniels. The two defendants are charged with multiple felony counts of Burglary, Criminal Trespass, Theft by Unlawful Taking, Receiving Stolen Property, Loitering and Prowling at Night, Criminal Mischief and related charges.

The charges come after a lengthy investigation involving multiple law enforcement personnel. The multi-jurisdictional task force investigating the series of burglaries, led by Abington Township, Lower Merion Township and Cheltenham Township Police Departments, found that the burglaries followed a common modus operandi. The burglaries generally occurred between dusk and midnight, with various methods of entry. Several houses in close proximity were typically burglarized on the same night. Homes without lights on or without a car in the driveway were targeted. In most cases, bedrooms were ransacked, with jewelry taken and a homeowner's own pillow case was used to carry the stolen goods. The Task Force investigation drew parallels with a string of burglaries from 2010, which led law enforcement to the defendants.

On Feb. 10, 2018, law enforcement was surveilling the defendants when they were observed burglarizing a residence in Lower Merion Township. Members of the Task Force intercepted the defendants and arrested them. Cell phone data was developed that placed the defendants in the location of the burglaries at the time of their occurrence.

Today's announcement of the arrests also included information about the creation of a website that catalogues more than 1,000 pieces of evidence recovered from the defendants' residences and storage facilities. Photos of the stolen items are displayed on the website to allow burglary victims to look for their stolen property.

"We believe these individuals may have been involved in additional burglaries, and sharing the photos of the stolen items—from jewelry to taxidermy—is not only the right thing to do to help victims recover their property, but it also could help us locate additional burglaries tied to the defendants," said Steele.

To search for their stolen property, victims can access the website in several ways. The direct address is <https://www.montcopa.org/3021/Burglary-Website>. It can also be accessed from links on the home pages of the Montgomery County DA's Office (www.montcopa.org/da), Lower Merion Police (www.lowermerion.org/services/police-department) and Abington Police (www.abingtonpd.org). The more than 1,000 photos are organized by category and includes thumbnail photos to view before opening the main photo.

If a victim of a robbery or burglary locates an item they believe is their stolen property, they should contact Lower Merion Police Officer Dwight Kondravy at dkondravy@lowermerion.org or 610-645-6234 and be prepared to provide the specific number listed in the name of the photo on the website, a brief description of the item and its location on the website. Victims who reach out to Officer Kondravy will also have to provide proof that the stolen item belongs to them such as the name of the police department that investigated the burglary/incident.

“I want to caution dishonest people about making false claims to this jewelry if it is not yours—that is illegal, and if you do, you may be prosecuted for making false reports to law enforcement,” said Steele.

Boose and McDaniels were arraigned today before Magisterial District Judge Karen Eisner Zucker, who set bail at \$1 million each. In total, Boose is being held on \$3 million cash bail, and McDaniels is being held on \$2.75 million cash bail. Both defendants waived their preliminary hearings.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Scott Frame and Evan Correia.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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