Seven pre-teens arrested for burglary of vacant home

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BEND, Ore. â€“ Seven children, all either 11- or 12-years-old, were arrested for burglary and criminal mischief Thursday after they admitted they broke into a vacant home in northeast Bend via a doggie door then damaged walls, doors and light fixtures, police reported today.

Seven pre-teens were arrested for burglarizing and damaging this home at 63345 Brody Lane in Bend â€“ photo courtesy fizber.com According to a news release prepared by Bend Police Sgt. Greg Owens, an officer was driving by 63345 NE Brody Lane about noon on March 5 when he saw a group of juveniles standing in the driveway. The officer knew the home, a five bedroom, three bath, two-story owned by 60-year old Salem resident Sandra K. Flicker, was vacant.

When the children noticed him drive by, they quickly left, the sergeant said. When the officer checked the home, he found the doors open and interior damaged. Checking the area, the officer located several of the juveniles nearby, and they admitted they had been inside the house.

Owens said one of the girls had crawled through a doggie door, and on both Wednesday and Thursday several children had gone into the house and caused the damage.

Seven children were arrested and lodged in the Deschutes County Juvenile Detention facility at the direction of the county Juvenile Department, the news release stated.

Two 12-year-old boys and two 11-year-old boys were charged with first-degree burglary and first-degree criminal mischief. One 11-year-old boy and two 12-year-old girls were charged only with first-degree burglary. . All were released later that day to a family member, guardian or family friend, the sergeant said.