

Transient arrested for NE Bend burglary

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Several tips from suspicious northeast Bend neighborhood residents led to the arrest Thursday afternoon of a 27-year old transient on burglary, theft and criminal mischief charges, in addition to an outstanding warrant for parole violation, Deschutes County deputies reported. Daniel Wesley Mills â€“ DCJ photo

About 1:10 p.m., residents near Hyde Lane and Keyte Road in northeast Bend called police to report a suspicious man who appeared to be â€œcasingâ€• homes in the area, Sgt. Dan Bilyeu and Deputy Jeff Petz wrote in a news release. Officers responded to the area, and received updated reports of the manâ€™s whereabouts as he left walking southeast across open fields toward the J-Bar-J Boys Ranch. As deputies checked the Quail Ridge subdivision, neighbors told them someone matching the suspectâ€™s description had tried to climb a fence and cross onto private property, and that he was headed south toward Neff Road. Following the neighborsâ€™ tips, deputies located the suspect near an unoccupied home at 21486 Neff Road, and identified him as 27-year old Daniel Wesley Mills, a transient. Investigation tied Mills to a break-in of the unoccupied Neff house, and various items in the suspectâ€™s possession were linked to the burglary. Mills was taken into custody and lodged in the Deschutes County Jail. In addition to being charged with first-degree burglary, criminal mischief, and criminal trespass; and third-degree theft; the suspect was found through a routine check to have an outstanding warrant for parole violation. Bail on current charges was set at \$33,000, but his parole violation carried a â€œno bailâ€• warrant and Mills remains in custody.

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