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Burglary Suspects Caught in the Act by Property Crime Detectives!

GLENDALE, Ariz. – On August 24, 2014, Glendale Police Officers responded to a report of a burglary in the 18200 block of N. 66th Lane. The homeowners had just returned home from being out of town to discover their residence possibly burglarized. They became suspicious upon arriving home when they observed forced entry through the gate into their backyard. The homeowners have video cameras installed at their residence and reviewed the footage captured while they were away. In the video, the homeowners observed footage showing two suspects backing a U-Haul box truck into their driveway. After knocking on the front door with no answer, the suspects forced entry into the backyard. In the footage, as one suspect begins to put gloves on, it appears they notice the surveillance cameras on the exterior of the residence. The suspects are then seen immediately leaving the residence.

While the license plate of the U-Haul truck was not visible, the Glendale Police Patrol Officer on scene was able to obtain the U-Haul truck number from the video. With the truck number, Glendale Police Property Crimes Detectives were able to not only identify the renter of the truck but also a local Phoenix motel that he was staying at. The investigation also revealed the U-Haul truck rental was overdue.

With the information gathered by Property Crime Detectives, they initiated surveillance on the U-Haul truck at the Phoenix motel on Tuesday, September 9th, 2014 and observed two males and a female get into the truck. Detectives followed the U-Haul truck as it drove away. As officers were preparing to make a traffic stop on the truck, it backed into a driveway at a residence in the 1700 block of W. Harmont in

Phoenix. A plain clothes Detective approached the residence on foot and observed the two men inside of the residence. After about ten minutes, the two men got back into the U-Haul and left the area. A Detective entered the residence and confirmed it had been burglarized.

With the assistance of the Phoenix Police Department air unit, Glendale Patrol Officers and Detectives performed a high risk stop on the U-Haul in the area near 67th Avenue and Happy Valley Road. The driver of the U-Haul, 23 year-old Peoria resident Anthony Garcia, was taken into custody along with a passenger, 28 year-old Peoria resident Jeremiah Miller. Detectives searched the U-Haul and recovered the stolen property from the residence, including two rifles. Garcia and Miller were both booked into the 4th Avenue Jail and charged with 2nd Degree Burglary, 2nd Degree Attempted Burglary and Misconduct with Weapons. See attached photos of property seized. Copies of surveillance video are also available at the Glendale Police Main Station during business hours.

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