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Press Release

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Location: Long Hill Road, Guilford, CT

Arrestee: Daniel Taylor, Age 33, of Glastonbury, CT

The Guilford Police Department would like to report that after a long investigation beginning on December 7th, 2018, an arrest was made on a residential burglary that occurred on Long Hill Road in Guilford. The homeowners returned home from a family vacation to find that their home had been burglarized, their vehicle had been stolen, and extensive damage had been done to the home rendering it uninhabitable. In total, the family suffered a loss of over $300,000.00 in damages and stolen items.

During the course of the investigation, Daniel Taylor was identified as the suspect with the assistance of the Glastonbury Police Department, the CT State Forensic Laboratory, and the Westfield Police Department in Massachusetts. Taylor was arrested via warrant on 03/27/2018. Taylor was charged by the Guilford Police Department with Larceny in the First Degree, Burglary in the Third Degree, Criminal Mischief in the First Degree, and Criminal Trover in the Second Degree. He was arraigned on 03/27/2018 at GA23 in New Haven and is being held on a $500,000.00 bond. Taylor is suspected of committing numerous other burglaries throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts.

During the investigation, the Guilford Police Department learned that Taylor and his girlfriend were utilizing social media applications to identify individuals going on vacation or extended stays away from their residence. Evidence suggests that the two would conduct internet queries to identify the home address of these individuals posting about their vacation, and then conduct surveillance on the residence to ensure it was unoccupied.

The Guilford Police Department would like to encourage the public to be aware of this method used to identify potential burglary victims. Refrain from posting to social media sites about vacations and/or extended stays. If you feel the need to share this, wait until you have returned home. Notify neighbors or someone you trust to check on your residence while you are away. The Guilford Police Department offers the service of home checks to all Guilford residences if you are planning an extended stay away from home. Residents can sign up for this service by coming to the Guilford Police Department and completing a "House Check" form. The Guilford Police Department will then check on the security of your residence periodically while you are away.

The Guilford Police Department would like to thank the Glastonbury Police Department, the CT State Forensic Laboratory, and the Westfield Police Department in Massachusetts who each assisted in this investigation.