



LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ACTIVITY REPORT

1. On Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at 9:15am, Deputy Sam Adams and Sheriff Brent White were dispatched to a burglary complaint on Chestnut Oak Road, Southwest of Kuttawa. Upon arrival of the homeowner, he found his detached garage had been forcibly entered and numerous items stolen, including two Craftsman cabinets, and misc. other items valued in excess of \$1,000.00. There was also significant damage done to a door during the commission of the crime.

After processing the scene, Sheriff White conducted a neighborhood canvass to determine if anyone had seen anything suspicious in the area during the estimated time of the crime. While conducting this canvass, Sheriff White pulled up to a residence on Chestnut Oak Road. The homeowner of this residence was in his garage when the Sheriff walked up the driveway and observed one of the stolen cabinets sitting in the middle of the garage floor. The homeowner attempted to close the garage door quickly to conceal the stolen property; however, he was detained without incident. One of the stolen items was also located in the driveway in the bed of a 2016 Ford F150 pickup truck. Most of the stolen property was recovered at this location, in addition to the tools used to break into the victim's garage. The 2016 Ford F150 was seized as evidence in the case, due to its involvement in the crime.

The offender was identified as John L. Balthus (65) of Kuttawa. He was arrested and charged with Burglary-3rd Degree, Criminal Mischief-2nd Degree, Theft by Unlawful Taking-Over \$1,000, and Possession of Burglary Tools. He was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.



Balthus

2. On Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at 5:15pm, Sheriff Brent White answered a complaint about solicitors stopping vehicles at the intersection of US 62 and KY 93 South in Eddyville. Following an investigation, he identified three (3) males from Tampa, Florida who were unlawfully soliciting motorists without a KYTC permit at the intersection. Two of the identified solicitors were wanted from other states; however, neither state would extradite these offenders. They were ordered to disperse and not return to the area unless lawfully permitted.

The group claimed they represented a 501C3 religious organization from Florida which could not be verified. Sheriff White reminds citizens to be mindful of what charity they are donating to, do not respond to pressure, and if something doesn't seem right, they can call local law enforcement to investigate further. "Nobody should be misled nor enticed by emotion to donate to a charity, especially when stopped at an intersection. Legitimate charities do not conduct business this way," said Sheriff White.

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