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On April 7, 2009, Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office received a telephone call from Peggy Schnader. Peggy reported that her home security device triggered, sending an alarm off that someone was on the property. She and her husband went to their video camera system and observed a van outside the residence with a male party at their front door. The Schnaders were unfamiliar with the male party and observed him walk around the property and go to a second door, observing him trying to force the door open by throwing his shoulder into the door.

Mr. Schnader obtained his handgun from his home and had his wife phone the Sheriff's Office while he exited his home taking the suspects, Thomas Ritchie, at gunpoint, and holding him at bay until deputies were able to arrive on scene.

Deputy Randy Yoder arrived and identified Thomas Richie and William Allison. Yoder observed multiple items throughout the vehicle that Ritchie claimed he purchased at flea markets. Richie and Allison were taken into the Sheriff's Office for further questioning. An inventory was completed of the vehicle locating several items with other person's names on them.

At approximately 12:30 on this date a Chris Klore of 3143 St. Route 39 NE, New Philadelphia, Ohio reported to the Sheriff's Office her home had been burglarized. She reported to the residence of the Schnaders and identified numerous items that were located in the van as being taken from her home.

Later than afternoon Jim Rugg of 4160 St. Route 39 NE, New Philadelphia, Ohio, also reported at approximately 3:00 p.m. that his home had been burglarized. He, too, identified items recovered from the van as belonging to him.

Richie and Allison were using the guise of selling fencing under the name of their company, All Terrain Fence.

Any departments with similar daytime burglaries or using All Terrain Fence as a guise, are requested to contact the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office at 330-339-2000 or 330-339-7713.

Detective Jeff Moore