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Greenfield Police Arrest 5 Foreign Nationals For Burglary

Greenfield, IN. – Greenfield Police Detectives continue to investigate after a burglary led to the arrest of 5 men last week. A criminal gang referred to as South American Theft Group or SATG, targets people of Asian and Indian decent and commit burglaries of their residences while they are away from their homes.

Early evening on March 28, Greenfield officers were dispatched to an address on Collins Way for a found burglary. The homeowner discovered their home was broken into and burglarized while they were away. Officers found the rear door of the house damaged and several items were missing.

Having received information about this group previously, officers on the scene called for a Detective quickly and were able to quickly identify a suspect vehicle. This information was provided to surrounding police departments to look out for. Using technology and good “old fashioned” police work, the suspect vehicle was stopped within an hour and 5 suspects inside the vehicle were taken into custody in Jasper County on Interstate 65. Items taken in the Greenfield burglary were found inside of the vehicle at the time of the traffic stop.

Detectives travelled to Jasper County that night and took custody of all five men, returning them to Hancock County. They were booked into the Hancock County Jail to await an initial court appearance. Formal Charges have been filed by the Hancock County Prosecutor’s Office. These men are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Miguel Alfonso Lozano-Pineda, 37 year old, South America
Bairon Estiven Vasquez-Ortiz, 29 year old, South America
John Alexander Ruiz Acero, 40 year old, South America
Camilo Andres Marique-Barrera, 25 year old, South America
William Alberto Guzman-Castano, 30 year old, South America

Detectives are still working with other Law Enforcement agencies to determine if these men have been involved in other burglary cases with similar factors in Indiana and surrounding states.

We would like to thank the Whitestown Police Department, the Indiana State Police, the Jasper County Sheriff’s Department and Inman’s Towing for their help with this ongoing investigation.