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<u>Juveniles Arrested After Homeowner Thwarts</u> <u>Burglary Attempt from Ohio with Home Surveillance</u>



Tuesday afternoon, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office received a call in reference to a burglary in progress on Oleander Drive in Bunnell. The caller, Larry Mills, told FCSO that he was watching his home be burglarized live from Ohio via surveillance cameras he had installed on the exterior and interior of his home.

Mills further stated that while viewing the footage he could see the suspect broke a window to gain entry to his home and appeared to have fled once the home alarm system went off. FCSO immediately responded, established a perimeter around the home, and cleared the residence. Deputies located 15-year-old Cory Robbins and 17-year-old Easton Perez walking nearby the residence on Oleander Drive. The juveniles matched an initial description provided by Mr. Mills so they were detained for questioning.

The homeowner provided FCSO with still images of the suspects captured from his home surveillance system allowing deputies to quickly positively identify the juveniles and place them at the scene committi9ng the burglary.

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When questioned, Robbins and Perez both told deputies that they were riding their bicycles when they saw the residence and walked their bicycles behind the wood fence before entering the home through the bathroom window.

"This is a great example of how modern technology can be used to immediately report a crime in progress," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Mr. Mills took his home security into his own hands and thanks to his security system and the quick response from our deputies these juveniles were quickly arrested and processed at the Green Roof Inn."

Cory Robbins and Easton Perez were both charged with felony burglary of an unoccupied dwelling. Both juveniles were processed at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice directed both juveniles be released to their parents.

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