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Pickens County Sheriff's Office Solves Burglary at Well Known Business in Dacusville

The Pickens County Sheriff's Office has charged a man for breaking into a Dacusville business and the subsequent theft of a vehicle left overnight for repairs.

During the early morning hours on January 23, 2016, a business known to most in the Dacusville community was forcibly entered after breaking the glass out of the door. Dacusville Tire located at 3784 Farris Bridge Rd was one of many locations that were without power on the day of the break-in due to widespread outages blamed on the ice and snow.

The burglary to the business was detected by a passing motorist later that morning after seeing the busted glass and a bay door that was raised and left open. Sheriff's Deputies quickly learned that assorted tools and a 1978 Jeep belonging to a Dacusville resident had originally been parked inside the business for repairs but subsequently stolen during the incident. The Jeep was later recovered the same day after it was found abandoned on Holly Bush Rd.

Evidence found at the scene led Detectives to the identity of Edward Gary Akridge after Deputies from the Community Action Team attempted to stop him on February 9, 2016. Akridge fled on foot during the traffic stop avoiding capture but the vehicle he was observed to be driving contained several of the stolen items from Dacusville Tire. Several pieces of evidence confirmed that Akridge was responsible for the break-in at Dacusville Tire.

Mr. Akridge was later arrested on February 26, 2016, at a residence in Pickens County for charges stemming from the previous traffic stop. He was detained in the Pickens County Detention Facility where he remains today.

Arrest warrants charging him with the Burglary and Grand Larceny of the Jeep at Dacusville Tire were issued by a Pickens County Magistrate yesterday morning and served on Akridge yesterday afternoon.

Edward Gary Akridge(23yoa) is currently detained in the Pickens County Detention Facility charged with the following crimes with bond set as follows:

Charge:
Burglary 2nd Degree

Warrant#:
2016A3910100207

Bond:
Pending

Arrest Date:
03-03-16

Grand Larceny	2016A3910100208	Pending	03-03-16
Unlawful Possession of Pistol	2016A3910100143	\$ 2,000.00 Surety	02-26-16
Possession of Stolen Pistol	2016A3910100144	\$ 5,000.00 Surety	02-26-16
Failure to Stop for a Blue Light	2016A3910100146	\$ 3,000.00 Surety	02-26-16
Removing/Affixing License Plate	2016A3910100145	\$ 1,000.00 Surety	02-26-16
Assault & Battery 1 st Degree	2016A3910100139	\$10,000.00 Surety	02-26-16
Probation Violation	W-39-16-0055	\$10,000.00 Surety	02-26-16
Bench Warrant – General Sessions	2016B3900100006	No Bond	02-26-16
Bench Warrant – General Sessions	2016B3900100007	No Bond	02-26-16
Bench Warrant – General Sessions	2016B3900100008	No Bond	02-26-16
Bench Warrant – General Sessions	2031	No Bond	02-26-16

I have attached copies of the Arrest Warrants and a mug shot of Edward Gary Akridge to this release.

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