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## Pickens County Sheriff's Office Clears Rash of Car Break-ins following Arrest of Pickens Man

The Pickens County Sheriff's Office has been investigating a string of thefts where vehicles parked in residential areas have been entered while homeowners were asleep during the night.

Sheriff's detectives immediately identified a pattern in that the vehicles had been left unlocked by the owners creating targets of opportunity. Money, clothes, tools and a handgun were reported stolen from the vehicles.

Areas and incidents in Pickens County where break-ins to motor vehicles have been connected to this individual include the below cases with several other incidents still under investigation that are expected to result in additional charges in the following days.

<u>Area:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Method of Entry:</u>	<u>Property Stolen:</u>
Powder Mill Rd.	11-21-17	vehicle unlocked	loose change, bag of clothes
Powder Mill Rd.	11-21-17	vehicle unlocked	handgun
Powder Mill Rd.	11-21-17	vehicle unlocked	tools
Powder Mill Rd.	11-21-17	vehicle unlocked	ransacked/nothing stolen
Powder Mill Rd.	11-21-17	vehicle unlocked	two seat cushions
Powder Mill Rd.	11-21-17	vehicle unlocked	ransacked/nothing stolen
Smith Memorial Hwy	11-21-17	vehicle unlocked	loose change, meat smoker
Smith Memorial Hwy	11-21-17	vehicle unlocked	loose change

**Luke Elliott Lister (37 yoa)** was taken into custody this afternoon pursuant to a traffic stop is currently detained in the Pickens County Detention center charged with the following offenses:

<u>Charge:</u>	<u>Warrant:</u>	<u>Bond:</u>	<u>Arrest Date:</u>
Auto Breaking	2017A3910101443	\$ 5,000.00	12-08-17

Petit Larceny-Enhanced	2017A3910101444	\$10,000.00	12-08-17
Auto Breaking	2017A3910101445	\$ 5,000.00	12-08-17
Petit Larceny-Enhanced	2017A3910101446	\$10,000.00	12-08-17
Auto Breaking	2017A3910101447	\$ 5,000.00	12-08-17
Petit Larceny-Enhanced	2017A3910101448	\$10,000.00	12-08-17
Auto Breaking	2017A3910101449	\$ 5,000.00	12-08-17
Auto Breaking	2017A3910101450	\$ 5,000.00	12-08-17
Petit Larceny-Enhanced	2017A3910101451	\$10,000.00	12-08-17
Petit Larceny-Enhanced	2017A3910101452	\$10,000.00	12-08-17
Auto Breaking	2017A3910101453	\$ 5,000.00	12-08-17
Petit Larceny-Enhanced	2017A3910101454	\$10,000.00	12-08-17
Auto Breaking	2017A3910101455	\$ 5,000.00	12-08-17
Auto Breaking	2017A3910101456	\$ 5,000.00	12-08-17
Unlawful Possession of a Handgun	2017A3910101457	\$ 5,000.00	12-08-17

Copies of the Arrest Warrants along with a mug shot are attached to this Media Release.

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