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Two arrested for burglarizing a Sanford residence thanks to an alert citizen

Seminole Co. – (February 26, 2017), On Sunday at approximately 4:20 a.m., Seminole County Sheriff's deputies responded to the 3000 block of Pine Ave, in unincorporated Sanford, for a report of a residential burglary. Upon arrival, deputies spoke to the victim, who indicated that he heard someone trying to make entry into his home and moments later saw a suspicious black pick-up truck driving away. The victim was able to give dispatchers a good description of the pick-up truck. Deputies then quickly located the vehicle and conduct a traffic stop.

Occupying the pick-up truck were James Thomas Ireland and Neal Walter Schmidt who told deputies that they were on their way to work. However, deputies noticed several miscellaneous items in the bed of the truck that appeared to be among the items reported stolen from the victim. During that time, the victim was transported to the scene of the traffic stop and positively identified the items as being his.

Ireland and Schmidt were charged with Burglary of an Occupied Structure, Loitering and Prowling, and Grand Theft. They were booked into the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and both remain incarcerated on a \$15,250 bond.

Arrestees:

James Thomas Ireland, (DOB 05/11/89), 3849 Elder Springs Circle, Sanford

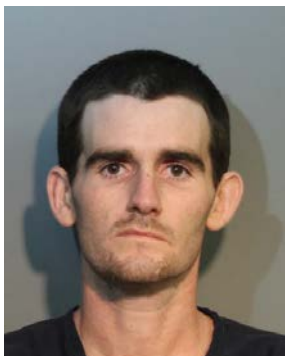
Neal Walter Schmidt, (DOB 04/19/88), 23 Andrea Drive #202, Winter Springs

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