

Six South Florida juveniles charged with stealing Porsche, two handguns and more than \$200,000 cash

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Sheriff Ken Mascara announced that six juveniles from Fort Lauderdale were charged in connection to an April 27 burglary on North Hutchinson Island.

According to the Sheriff, Michael Bush, 14, Joshua Sargeant, 14, Rural Scott, 15, Walter Walker, 16, Shomari Smith, 14, and Jeremiah Laplace, 15, drove to the 200 block of Marina Drive and burglarized a home, stealing a 2014 Porche Cayman as they left.

"It's clear through the interviews with these thugs that they intentionally targeted our community, searched out a house in an affluent neighborhood and stole their life savings," said Sheriff Ken J. Mascara.

According to the Sheriff, the gang of suspects stole a safe from inside the home, along with two handguns and the vehicle. The safe contained more than \$200,000 in cash. It was found empty later the same day. The vehicle was recovered in Delray Beach several days later.

"Over the course of the last two months, the thorough work of our detectives and crime scene technicians have led us to identify these six individuals and their extensive history of similar crimes throughout the South Florida region," Mascara said. "The investigation would not have been such a success without the teamwork of law enforcement from the Broward Sheriff's Office, Delray Beach Police and Fort Lauderdale Police all trying to track and arrest this group of thieves."

According to the Sheriff, detectives interviewed all six individuals while in custody for other crimes in other jurisdictions. In doing so, all but Sargeant confessed to the Marina Drive burglary.

Bush was charged with burglary of a dwelling while armed, grand theft over \$100,000, two counts of grand theft of a firearm, and grand theft of a motor vehicle. He is being held at the St. Lucie County Jail on a \$210,000 bond.

Sargeant was charged with burglary of a dwelling while armed, grand theft over \$100,000, two counts of grand theft of a firearm, and grand theft of a motor vehicle. He is being held at the St. Lucie County Jail on a \$210,000 bond.

Scott was charged with burglary of a dwelling while armed, grand theft over \$100,000, two counts of grand theft of a firearm, and grand theft of a motor vehicle. He is being held at the St. Lucie County Jail without bond.

Walker was charged with burglary of a dwelling while armed, grand theft over \$100,000, two counts of grand theft of a firearm, and grand theft of a motor vehicle. He is being held at the St. Lucie County Jail on a \$220,000 bond.

Smith was charged with burglary of a dwelling while armed, grand theft over \$100,000, two counts of grand theft of a firearm, and grand theft of a motor vehicle. He is being held at the St. Lucie County Jail without bond.

Laplace was charged with burglary of a dwelling while armed, grand theft over \$100,000, two counts of grand theft of a firearm, and grand theft of a motor vehicle. He is being held at the St. Lucie County Jail on a \$250,000 bond.

ABOUT THE SHERIFF:

The Florida Constitution establishes the Office of the elected County Sheriff who is responsible for preserving the peace, carrying out the orders of Florida courts and the Board of County Commissioners, and providing deputies at court sessions and meetings of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief correctional officer of the county. Sheriff Ken J. Mascara is elected by the people of St. Lucie County and is accountable to them.