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PRESS RELEASE

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A woman has been arrested for committing a second burglary in two weeks at an abandoned property in Maywood Township.

On December 27th, 2025 at about 12:10 pm, the Benton County Sheriff's Office received the report of a possible burglary occurring at an abandoned property in the 16000 block of Ironwood Rd NE in Maywood Township. The caller reported seeing a black Volkswagen SUV parked near the abandoned buildings and three individuals walking from the abandoned property back to the vehicle. The caller was able to provide the license number from the vehicle and deputies began a search of the area for the vehicle. Deputies located and stopped the suspect vehicle on Hwy 23 and Ronneby Rd NE. Deputies found the vehicle was being driven by Allison Theisen, age 19 of St. Cloud. Also in the vehicle was Darvell White, age 18 of St. Cloud, a 17-year-old male, a 17-year-old female, and a 16-year-old female.

Investigating deputies learned Theisen drove to the abandoned building with her 4 passengers with the intent to explore the buildings on this property after hearing about the previous burglary that had taken place here on December 21st. Upon arriving at the property, Theisen, White, and the 17-year-old male exited the vehicle and approached the buildings. Theisen and White entered a building on the property while the 17-year-old male remained outside the buildings. While inside one of the buildings on this property, Theisen gathered up several items and took them from the building. Deputies conducted a search of the vehicle and located these stolen items. Theisen was placed under arrest for burglary and transported to the Benton County Jail. She remains in custody awaiting her initial court appearance.

This case remains an active investigation. The Benton County Sheriff's Office was assisted in this investigation by the Foley Police Department.

During the investigation, the suspects and the two uninvolved juveniles in the vehicle all expressed surprise at the possibility of criminal charges for exploring abandoned properties. Our office has occasionally encountered this misconception among teens and young adults and would like to take this opportunity to ensure all are aware that entering a building without consent, even just to "explore" the property, is a crime. Trespassing is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail and up to a \$1,000 fine. If someone enters a building without consent and commits another crime while inside the building, such as theft or criminal damage to property, a burglary has been committed. Depending upon the severity of the crime, a burglary conviction is punishable by up to 20 years in prison and up to a \$35,000 fine. Aside from the criminal aspect of this behavior, there are serious safety concerns present in abandoned structures. It is common to find physical hazards inside derelict buildings that teens or young adults may not recognize or take seriously. This case is a lesson to all to respect the property rights of others and only enter private property with permission. Failure to do so could result in criminal consequences or serious injury.

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