

# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **Law enforcement and Community Work Together to Arrest Thief**

On September 14, 2018 at about 12:00 am, Deputies with the Precinct 5 Constables Office, along with Agents with the Texas Department of Public Safety, were conducting an investigation regarding vehicle burglaries in the High Meadow Ranch subdivision of Montgomery County, Texas. Multiple burglaries had recently occurred in which an unknown suspect was seen on video surveillance cameras checking for unlocked car doors. Due to the numerous burglaries that were occurring in the neighborhood, a neighborhood watch involving off duty law enforcement and residences decided to conduct surveillance in an attempt to catch the suspects. While conducting surveillance a Dodge truck pulled on to the unimproved shoulder of the road on Village Bend west of Tudor Way, and turned off its lights. Surveillance units observed a male exit the vehicle and walk up a residential driveway, where he attempted to open the doors on three vehicles in the driveway. Since the vehicles were locked, the suspect returned to his truck, turned on his vehicle lights, and drove away. Surveillance units continued to follow the suspect and observed him repeatedly walk on to properties, approach vehicles, and attempt to enter the vehicles, but due to the vehicles being locked he was unable to gain entry. Surveillance units contacted the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and a marked Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle was able to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle.

Deputies detained the driver, who was identified Erick Martinez, 01/16/1991. Mr. Martinez was questioned by law enforcement and admitted to trying to burglarize unlocked vehicles. During the interview, Mr. Martinez admitted he had stolen property from previous burglaries at his residence. Mr. Martinez was taken to his residence located in the 37300 block of Little Thorn Lane where Deputies searched the residence. During the search, Deputies located stolen tools, firearms and other items which will be returned to their owners.



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIFF RAND HENDERSON

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Sheriff Rand Henderson responds, "This is an amazing example of what can happen when law enforcement and citizens work together to solve a problem in the community. Working together as a team to solve community problems is a win-win for us and a loss for those who break the law. Great job to everyone involved!"



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