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Felony Charges Filed Against Burglary Suspects

The Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office has filed five counts of first degree burglary against 57-year-old James Lipston of Clayton and 25-year-old Devaughn Cooper of Clayton. This comes after Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff detectives presented the case this morning.

The Sheriff's Office launched an investigation after detectives were able to connect a recent burglary in Orinda to an attempted burglary in Alamo. The Investigation Division, along with the specialized patrol unit J-Team, were able to identify Lipston and Cooper as the suspects, as well as the vehicle they were using. They were linked to at least six residential burglaries in Alamo and Orinda.

On Tuesday, January 7, 2020, detectives began surveillance of the suspects. On Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at about 1145 AM, detectives arrested them in the area of Kaitlin Place and Court Lane in Concord. Lipston and Cooper were arrested as they exited a residence with stolen property.

Both were booked into the Martinez Detention Facility on charges of residential burglary. Cooper is being held in lieu of \$250,000 bail. Lipston, who is on parole, is being held without bail.

Detectives later executed a search warrant at the suspects' residence in Clayton. During the search of their vehicles and residence, a large amount of stolen property was recovered, in addition to a significant amount of narcotics. Detectives believe Lipston and Cooper may be responsible for numerous other burglaries. The Sheriff's Office is now in the process of attempting to return the stolen property to the rightful owners.

Anyone with any information on this case is asked to contact the Investigation Division at (925) 313-2600. Tips could be email to: tips@so.cccounty.us. Anonymous voice messages could be left at (866) 846-3592.

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James Lipston



Devaughn Cooper