

# Media Release

## Yavapai County Sheriff's Office

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### *Suspect Arrested following Burglary in Progress call connected to Additional Burglaries*

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On February 7, 2016, at approximately 9 PM, 43-year-old Donald Tuttle of Prescott was arrested for 2 counts of Residential Burglary, Burglary of an unoccupied structure, 6 counts of Criminal Damage, Motorcycle Theft, and 2 counts of Trafficking in Stolen Property. He was booked at the Camp Verde Detention Center and remains in-custody on a \$20,000 bond.



BACKGROUND – Earlier in the evening of February 7, 2016, YCSO dispatchers received a 911 call from a neighbor reporting a burglary in progress at a home in the 2400 block of Iron Springs Road, Skull Valley. Deputies arrived and eventually found Tuttle hiding behind rocks near the burglary location and in possession of property stolen from the home. When the homeowners/victims arrived to meet deputies, they also reported a very valuable classic motorcycle was missing from their shed. During a check of the house, deputy's located broken glass in a rear door where it appeared Tuttle had entered the home.

During an interview with Tuttle, he admitted to the burglary along with a prior burglary at this home around 1 AM the same day. He also acknowledged burglarizing another residence in the neighborhood a few weeks' prior and stealing 2 handguns and medications. When questioned about the stolen motorcycle, Tuttle admitted taking the victim's motorcycle from the shed during the burglary earlier today and then hiding it nearby because it would not start. Tuttle showed deputies where the motorcycle was stashed in some brush and it was recovered but had over \$1000 in estimated damage.

Deputies believe Tuttle may have been working with an accomplice and this part of the investigation is ongoing. Deputies are also attempting to track down the stolen firearms which Tuttle claims he sold.

If anyone has additional information on Tuttle, his illicit activities and any accomplices, you are urged to call YCSO at 928-771-3260 or Yavapai Silent Witness at 1800-932-3232. Refer to case number 16-004888.

**Citizens can contact the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office with information or questions at 928-771-3260 or the YCSO website:**

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