

'Looking for dog' gets man charged with burglary

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An Austin man who was allegedly looking for his dog now faces a charge of Class C felony burglary in connection with a break-in at a garage on Blunt Avenue in Austin.

Donald E. Garrow, 55, Paulanna Avenue, reportedly told Austin Patrolman Crystal Schapson that he was looking for his dog when he was found inside a garage. The building's door had been forced open, according to Ptl. Schapson's report.

Garrow was apprehended on August 11 after a woman reported that she had seen an unidentified man standing under an awning near the garage. As Ptl. Schapson pulled up to the residence, Garrow reportedly tried to hide inside the garage. He was taken into custody by deputies Rex Herald and Jeremy Arnold.

Garrow allegedly told the officers that he'd been hunting for the dog. Tools had been thrown outside of the structure and an air compressor was missing, Schapson noted. Marks where the door had been pried were also discovered.

Garrow was also charged with theft, a Class D felony, and public intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor. In his initial court appearance on August 11, a not guilty plea was entered for him, and a trial date of November 30 was set. His bail was reduced from \$75,000 corporate surety/full cash to \$25,000 surety/10% cash, and his case was assigned to a public defender.

Garrow was to be back in court on August 24 for another hearing dealing with his bond.