

Separate court hearings held for wife, husband in burglary, sale of jewelry

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Class B felonies have been filed in Scott Circuit Court against a Scottsburg couple, who are accused of masterminding the burglary of a neighbor's home on March 13.

Tiffany Stone, 29, and Daniel L. Stone, 31, are implicated in the illegal entry at a home on State Road 356 and the theft of several pieces of jewelry.

The couple and their children had been living with a relative, who provides care for a resident of the house the pair reportedly targeted.

According to the probable cause affidavit prepared by Deputy Jeremy Arnold of the Sheriff's Department, he was dispatched to the scene of the burglary on March 13 and talked with one of the victims. She reported a missing jewelry box.

On March 19, a county worker reported finding a jewelry box in a ditch on Lake Road. It was identified as the victim's.

Chief Deputy Don Campbell learned on March 20 that Tiffany Stone had allegedly pawned jewelry at a Clarksville store. Those pieces were also identified by the victim as part of the stolen jewelry.

When Deputy Arnold talked to the Stones, Tiffany Stone allegedly said she sold the jewelry but did not know it was stolen. She said her husband and a family friend had brought the pieces to her and asked her to sell them because she had a valid ID. She denied knowing anything about the burglary. She also said her husband was with her when she sold the jewelry.

Daniel Stone told a slightly different story. He reportedly admitted pawning the jewelry with his wife. He also said Tiffany found a key which allowed him entry into the victims' home. He said over the next few days, the couple pawned the jewelry at a couple of stores, two in Clarksville and one in Columbus. The probable cause affidavit also related that Daniel Stone said he had disposed of the jewelry box on Lake Rd.

With this information, Deputy Arnold reported that he was able to locate five more pieces of jewelry in Clarksville. The items reportedly pawned in Columbus were not recoverable.

Tiffany Stone was taken into custody, and she was present at her initial court hearing on Friday morning, April 5. A preliminary plea of not guilty was entered for her by Judge Roger Duvall, and a jury trial date of September 9 was scheduled.

Bond was originally set at \$75,000 corporate surety/full cash, but it was amended to allow the defendant to pay 10% of that amount to gain her freedom. A public defender was to be appointed to help her with her defense. Tiffany Stone was also present for another hearing that afternoon in the same courtroom. Child Protective Services now has custody of the couple's children, and the hearing was scheduled to formalize arrangements for their care.

Her husband's initial hearing was held on Monday, April 8. A not guilty plea was entered for him on two counts of Class B felony burglary, one Class B count of conspiracy to commit burglary and a Class D felony of receiving stolen property.

Daniel Stone's jury trial is scheduled for August 26 per his request for a speedy trial date. His bond is set at \$75,000 surety/full cash, and a public defender has been appointed to represent him.