

Price again charged with home burglary, other offenses in new court case

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New charges were filed May 14 against a New Albany man currently awaiting trial in another felony criminal case.

Bobby G. Price, 22, had his initial hearing on May 15 in Scott Circuit Court on new charges of Class B burglary, two of Class C felony forgery, and a Class D felony charge of receiving stolen property.

Price was charged on April 30 in Circuit Court with one Class B felony charge of burglary for breaking into a vacant rental home; a Class C felony burglary charge for breaking into a gas station/convenience store; and Class D felonies of residential entry and theft.

In the earlier case, Price is a suspect in a break-in in which cigarettes were stolen. The new case also involves cigarettes, according to the probable cause affidavit prepared by Capt. David Hardin of the Scottsburg Police Department.

The charges are based on an April 28 incident Capt. Hardin investigated on West Wardell Street. The homeowner said someone entered the house through a window. Some money and a debit card were taken, with the debit card being used four times.

In one of the incidents, Scottsburg police were able to obtain a surveillance camera's video. The tape showed a couple using the purported stolen debit card to make a purchase of some cigarettes. Capt. Hardin made contact with the couple, who told him they were approached by a young man outside the business and asked to use the debit card to buy him cigarettes. The young man told the couple that he had left his identification at home and so could not use the card.

The man and woman agreed to buy the cigarettes for him and went inside with the card, using their identification to make the transaction.

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The video also showed a man suspected to be Price trying to buy cigarettes earlier but being rejected by the cashier because he had no identification.

When the burglary victim was shown the video, he identified the young man as Price. Price, the victim said, "...would come to his residence and bum cigarettes," the affidavit noted.

Judge Roger Duvall entered a preliminary plea of not guilty for Price during the initial hearing held May 15. His jury trial was scheduled for October 17, and a public defender was assigned to the case.

Price's bond on his latest charges was set at \$75,000 by corporate surety bond or \$10,000 full cash.

Price is one of the prisoners from Scott County who is being housed in the Floyd County Jail because of overcrowding problems at the local facility.