

Scottsburg police arrest suspect in September burglary at local gas station

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A man whose arrest record reflects eight arrests for public intoxication is now facing more serious charges in Scott Circuit Court.

Glen Patterson, 53, Scottsburg, has been charged with burglary, a Level 5 felony under Indiana's new criminal code. Pending charges also include theft, a Level 6 felony; public indecency, a Class A misdemeanor; and public intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor. The counts against him stem from two incidents that occurred in Scottsburg on September 25 and September 29. In the early morning hours of September 25, Patrolmen Shawn Hurt and James Vires were dispatched to the Marathon Station on U.S. Highway 31 North. A window had been broken by an intruder to gain entry to the station. Two cash registers had been opened and money removed.

A video surveillance camera provided a photo of the suspect.

At 10 p.m. on September 29, Ptl. Hurt and Sgt. Steven Herald answered a dispatch to Mace's Liquor Store at West McClain Avenue and Keith Street. They were told an apparently intoxicated man had walked down Keith St. drinking from a bottle and urinating. The man was seen by a woman and her 13-year-old niece.

Patterson was found by the officers near the liquor store. He had slurred speech and red glassy eyes, the police noted, and his clothing was disarrayed. He smelled of alcohol and urine, the probable cause affidavit stated.

Ptl. Hurt also tentatively identified Patterson as the burglar of the Marathon gas station four days earlier. Detective/Lt. Mike Nichols interviewed Patterson about the burglary. The man allegedly said he'd thrown a rock through the window to gain entry to the building. He also purportedly told the detective that he'd only taken less than a dollar in change from the registers. The affidavit quoted Patterson as admitting that he had "...done a stupid thing because I was drinking." Patterson's initial court hearing was held on October 2. During the proceedings, a preliminary plea of not guilty was entered for him and a public defender was appointed to the case. His initial jury trial date is March 3, 2015.

Patterson is currently being held in lieu of a \$25,000 corporate surety bond/\$5,000 cash bail.