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Local Police Task Force Arrests Serial Burglary Suspects In Sherborn Mass.

Following a rash of burglaries that began over a year ago, local police joined forces after finding similarities in a vast majority of the recent breaks. Detectives from Middleboro, Duxbury, Plympton and the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office formed a task force to identify the group and eventually set up a surveillance operation in hopes of catching them in the act. Lead by the Middleboro police, the group collected information over the past few months that eventually identified the suspects. The task force learned that the subjects involved were a male and female team who were active from throughout Eastern Massachusetts. The duo was linked to criminal activity in the North Shore, Metro West, the Brockton area, the South Shore and Southcoast region right to the Rhode Island border.

Plympton Patrolman, Brian Crenshaw, was instrumental in connecting the dots that lead to the identification of the suspects for the task force. Late last week a team of detectives from the cooperating police departments began a surveillance operation. Yesterday (Monday Nov 14), the team followed the pair as they cased homes in the Metro West area, eventually pulling into the driveway of a home in Sherborn. Within minutes the suspects vanished from sight at which time the surveillance team surrounded the home and found the suspects in the residence burglarizing it. Sherborn police were immediately notified and responded.

A team of officers that included Duxbury Detective Sergeant Dennis Symmonds, Duxbury Detective Dennis McKenney, Plympton Officer Brian Crenshaw, Middleboro Detective Robert Lake and Plymouth County Deputy Sheriff James Jepson took Paiva and Homen into custody inside the home without a struggle. The pair was transported to Sherborn PD for booking. The pair will be facing charges for burglaries throughout the region to include charges stemming from burglaries last June and October in Duxbury. Duxbury detectives suspect the pair were involved in several other Duxbury breaks and additional charges from the Duxbury Police are likely.

Arrested were Sandra Homen (32 YOA) of Quincy and Francis Paiva (28 of Brockton). Paiva has an extensive criminal history and at the time of his arrest yesterday in Sherborn was out on bail from an armed home invasion arrest in Brockton. Neither suspect was armed in yesterday's incident.

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