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MEDIA ADVISORY: Grammy Award Nominated Guitarist Arrested On Burglary Charges

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims today announced the arrest of a Fresno man on charges of burglary and possession of stolen property. Arrested was 39 year old Andre Bush.

The investigation began last week when deputies responded to a home located in the 5000 block of N Sequoia Ave regarding a burglary. The victims, who had been out of town, returned home to find that someone had stolen five expensive guitars and a small amount of cash from their house. The total loss was estimated to be just under \$12,000.

Because of the uniqueness of the stolen property, and other information obtained by detectives, the investigation started to focus on Bush. Bush is a guitar instructor who had recently been giving lessons to one of the children at the residence.

Detectives learned that on April 1st, Bush had been arrested for driving under the influence. A guitar was discovered in Bush's car that matched the description of one stolen guitars.

This past Thursday, detectives contacted Bush when he arrived at the N Sequoia residence to give a guitar lesson. During the investigation, detectives discovered Bush to be in possession of a small amount of crack and a crack pipe. As the investigation continued,

detectives learned that Bush was in fact responsible for the theft of the guitars.

All five guitars were recovered at several different locations throughout Fresno including one at Bush's Fresno home.

As a result of the investigation, Bush was arrested and later booked into the Fresno County Jail on charges of burglary, possession of stolen property, possession of crack, and possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

According to the "All About Jazz" website, Bush is an accomplished jazz guitarist who has performed worldwide. In 2006, he received a Best Jazz Vocal Album Grammy nomination for his guitar work.