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Joint press release from the Major Ty Bissler, Jackson Township and Chief Doug Swartz, City of Canal Fulton Police Departments.

The Jackson Township and Canal Fulton police have recently experienced a rash of Breaking and Entering's in each of our respective communities. Our investigations merged when Gregory M. Smith, 1800 block of Clarendon Ave, Canton, white male, 44 years old became a person of interest in both investigations. Upon further investigation, it also became clear that other jurisdictions were experiencing similar incidents. These jurisdictions include the Summit County Sheriff's Department, Akron Police Department, Tallmadge Police Department, Navarre Police Department and the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Department.

The suspect, Gregory M. Smith, was arrested by Canal Fulton Police on May 14, 2017, at approximately 0300 while entering the Canal Fulton Laundromat on S. Locust Street and breaking into coin machines. Multiple Breaking and Entering cases have been cleared up in the aforementioned jurisdictions through the efforts of all departments working together.

The Jackson Township Police Department has charged Gregory M. Smith with the following:

- Three (3) counts of Breaking and Entering (Felony-5)
- One (1) count of Theft (Misdemeanor-1)
- One (1) count of Attempted Breaking and Entering (Misdemeanor-1)

The Canal Fulton Police Department has charged Gregory M. Smith with the following:

- Two (2) counts of Receiving Stolen Property (Felony-5)
- One (1) count of Possession of Criminal Tools (Felony -5)
- One (1) count of Obstructing Official Business (Misdemeanor-2)
- One (1) count of Tampering with Coin Machines (Felony- 5)
- One (1) count of Theft (Misdemeanor-1)

Gregory Smith was booked and is being held at the Stark County Jail awaiting his Pre-Trial hearing on May 24th at 10:00 AM

