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### MEDIA RELEASE

<b>Prepared by: Lt. Schwartz</b>		<b>Date Prepared: 01/28/21</b>	
<b>Type of Incident: Burglary</b>			
<b>Date and Time of Incident: Early morning hours of January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021</b>			
<b>Location of Incident: S. Cayuga Street</b>			
<b>Defendant(s): Kasheen C. Camel</b>		<b>Age: 43</b>	<b>Address: City of Ithaca</b>
<b>Charge(s): Burglary 2nd</b>			

In response to a recent uptick in residential burglaries, Ithaca Police Investigators were conducting a Burglary Suppression Detail in the early morning hours of 01/28/21. At around 7:30 AM investigators observed a subject known to them as Kasheen Camel, in the South Titus Neighborhood. Mr. Camel was recently released from jail after being charged in connection with numerous burglaries in the City of Ithaca over the summer and fall of 2020. Upon Mr. Camel seeing the Investigators, he ran behind a house and then through several backyards.

Investigators were able to locate Mr. Camel several blocks away and could see that he was carrying a number of items. They attempted to engage Mr. Camel in a discussion, however, he was verbally hostile. Investigators were able to maintain visual observation of Mr. Camel until he entered a local hotel. Based on his actions, the items he was carrying, and his past behavior, it was believed that the items being carried may have been stolen.

Investigators were able to follow Mr. Camel's footprints in the fresh snow back to numerous houses. They then located several victims who advised they had property stolen from within their homes. The description of the property matched what investigators had observed Mr. Camel carrying.

Mr. Camel was later located at a local hotel, where he was detained. A search warrant of the hotel room later uncovered the stolen property as described by the victims. Additional property was also located during the execution of the search warrant that was reported stolen in several other burglaries that occurred in the last week.

Kasheen Camel was arrested and charged with Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. He was arraigned by Judge Peacock of Ithaca City Court and remanded to Tompkins County Jail pending further court action.

IPD Investigators are continuing to contact the lawful owners of numerous credit/debit or gift cards believed to be stolen. Anyone who has recently had their card or other property stolen is urged to report it if they have not done so already via the non-emergency dispatch line at 607-272-3245

People arrested by the Ithaca Police Department are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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