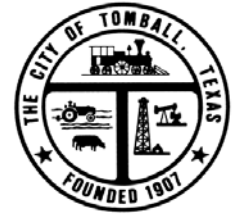




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Tomball PD Technology Nabs Business Burglar

Today's policing is technology driven. Although technology will never take the place of a police officer, it proves to be a highly cost-effective aid in proactively fighting crime within the community.

On December 12, 2005 at approximately 2:51am, Robert Lankster, 37 yoa, of Fresno, Texas, was taken into custody for burglary of a building by Tomball Police Department. During the early morning hours, the suspect broke the front plate glass of Houston Nails, located at 27742 Tomball Parkway. In less than two minutes of shattering the glass and entering the business, Robert Lankster found himself swarmed by black and white Tomball police cruisers before he had a chance to flee the burglarized business.

Robert Lankster, who's criminal history shows multiple convictions of crimes ranging from robbery to (3) prior burglary offenses, extending across multiple counties, entered Tomball Nails at 2:51am. By 02:52am, Tomball police officers were on-scene confirming forced entry into the building. After attempting to leave the business, the suspect observed police officers surrounding the location. Realizing that there was minimal chance of escape, the suspect surrendered to police without incident.

Investigating officers, Jason Smith, Bryan Hill, Craig Davis and Sgt Keith Bitz discovered that the suspect had burglarized another business in the same retail strip center just prior to him falling prey to a covert anti-crime system, codename "Blackhawk," that was added to the police department's crime fighting arsenal in 2004. Police Chief Michael Blake commended the officers' actions in effecting a very swift and sure felony arrest, and is greatly appreciative of City Manager Ben Griffin, Mayor Harrington, and all Tomball Council Members for approving the police department's acquisition of this technology. According to Chief Blake, had it not been for their support of this technology two Tomball merchants would have been victimized, and their money and goods lost forever.

Further investigation by Tomball detectives reveals that the suspect may be responsible for a number of other similar burglaries in the northwest Harris County area.

The suspect is now in the Harris County Jail charged with Burglary of a Building, which is a felony offense in the State of Texas.