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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**VEHICLE BREAK IN LEADS TO THE ARREST OF TWO INDIVIDUALS**



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On January 31, 2010 at approximately 0115 hours Bluffton Police officers responded to 88 Pin Oak Street, Bluffton, SC in reference to a vehicle being broken into.

The complainant/victim heard a commotion near his vehicle and went to investigate. When he got outside he observed two individuals near his vehicle with a crowbar. The suspects ran to a waiting champagne colored mini-van which fled the area. The victim provided a detailed description of one of the suspects and of the mini-van. A mini-van fitting the description provided by the victim was later located near 9 Stonefield Lane, Bluffton, SC. The vehicle was stopped and three individuals were inside of it. The victim came to the traffic stop and was able to positively identify one of the suspects that attempted to break into his vehicle. This individual was Kedwin Betances who was arrested for Breaking into a Motor.

Further investigation into this incident revealed that Betances was a wanted fugitive from New York on probation violations and that the driver of the mini-van, Jimmy Arias, did not have a driver license. The third individual was released from the scene.

Betances and Arias were transported to the Beaufort County Detention Center to await a bond hearing. The investigation into this incident is on going and anyone with information regarding these two individuals are encouraged to call the Bluffton Police Department at 843-706-4550 or the Department's crime tip line at 843-706-4560.

	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Charges</b>  <i>Breaking into a Motor Vehicle</i>  <i>Fugitive from Justice</i>            Kedwin Betances            1146 President Street            Brooklyn, NY 11225            DOB: 03-27-1988</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Charge</b>  <i>No South Carolina Driver License</i>            Jimmy Arias            4836 47<sup>th</sup> Street            Woodside, NY 11377            DOB: 07-16-1986</p>

