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NEWS RELEASE
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“Suspect Arrested for Commercial Breaking and Entering”

On February 11, 2014, Officers of the Morgantown Police Department responded to two separate reports of Breaking and Entering Tanning World, 1450 Earl Core Road and Liberty Tax Service at 1639 Sabraton Avenue. The suspect damaged windows and doors in order to make entry into the buildings causing property damage.

During the investigation Stewart Thomas MICHAELS, 42 years of age of Monongalia County was identified as a suspect. Detectives of the Morgantown Police Department, Monongalia County Sheriff's Office and West Virginia University Department of Public Safety continued the investigation and confirmed that MICHAELS was responsible for a number of Breaking and Entering violations throughout Monongalia County.

On February 18, 2014, Detectives served a search warrant at 83 Woodland Terrance and confirmed that MICHAELS was the suspect responsible for the February 11, 2014 Break Ins.

On February 19, 2014, MICHAELS was arrested and charged with two counts of Breaking and Entering. MICHAELS was arraigned and held on a \$50,000.00 bond.

Additional Charges are pending from the Monongalia County Sheriff's Office and West Virginia University Department of Public Safety.

The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating crime in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a **“Partner in Policing”**, by reporting suspected criminal activity to Morgantown Police Department Switchboard at (304) 284-7522. If you need immediate Police attention or a crime is in progress call 911.

Ed Preston
Chief of Police