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JONESBOROUGH MAN ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY AND VANDALISM TO LIMESTONE FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

According to Sheriff Graybeal, a Jonesborough man now faces felony charges following the burglary and vandalism to a church in the Limestone community.

In the early morning hours of May 13, the Limestone Freewill Baptist Church, located at 3709 Old State Route 34 was burglarized. In addition to burglary, the suspect also caused a significant amount of damage to the inside and outside of the church.

Among the damages were at least 6 heat pump units, which were either tipped over causing their pipes to break, or were otherwise completely removed.

Damages to the inside include: the setting off of a fire extinguisher throughout the building, as well as the ransacking of several office areas and classrooms. Wires and cabling had also been pulled out from the walls of one office. A bible in the church was damaged, with several of its pages having been ripped out. Church members also discovered that a laptop had been stolen from one of the rooms of the church.

During the course of the investigation, Jeffery Wade Greene, age 37, 320 Mount Zion Church Rd, Jonesborough, was developed as a suspect after video footage was obtained from the church's security cameras. In addition to the security footage, Greene's wallet and ID had been left at the scene.

Greene was charged with one count of Burglary, Vandalism Over \$10,000, Theft Under \$1,000, in addition to one count of Civil Rights Intimidation.

Greene also faces an additional auto-burglary charge, stemming from an arrest earlier this morning. During that arrest, Greene was found with a laptop in his possession, which was later determined to be the missing laptop from the church.

He is currently being held at the Washington County Detention Center on a \$21,000 bond and is scheduled for an appearance in Sessions Court Tuesday.

Pictures attached below:





Still image from inside the church





