

Break in Boone Break-Ins; Arrest Made

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The break in the rash of business break-in cases has come for Boone Police and surrounding agencies, who have charged an Iredell County man in connection with 22 recent cases. Boone detectives, working in conjunction with Blowing Rock and West Jefferson Police Departments and the Watauga and Ashe County Sheriff's Offices, have been able to file multiple felony Breaking and Entering and Larceny charges against Andrew Irwin Jordan, 35. The break in the case came when Jordan was arrested on February 16th by the West Jefferson Police, caught on the scene at a business break in there. With information from that, Boone Police charged him on February 19th for involvement in the B&E to the Boone Meat Center. On Tuesday March 6th, Boone detectives charged Jordan with 19 additional crimes related to 13 Boone business Breaking and Entering cases. Jordan is being held at the Watauga County Jail under a \$260,000 secured bond. The investigation continues and charges against additional suspects are anticipated. Boone Police Chief Dana Crawford thanked local business operators for being patient, saying, "When you have people from other counties coming to Boone specifically to break into local business it makes solving these crimes very difficult. All of our officers have worked hard and put in a lot of extra hours to try to protect our town's businesses and solve these crimes. Over the past two years we have experienced steady decreases in the number of business break-ins. I attribute most of this decrease to pro-active patrol and being a deterrent. Then all of a sudden we have a rash of break-ins and it put a lot of pressure on our resources. Our officers take their responsibilities to heart, so when these first started they were determined to put a stop to it."