



Mississippi County Sheriff's Office

Street Crimes Unit

Case# 2017-0478

2017-0482

Offense: Theft of Property- Motor Vehicle (2 Counts)
Victim: Michael Allensworth / Carolyn Foster
Offender: William Jacob Sparks
*\$100,000 Bond
per Judge Betterton* **Detective:** Cpl. Chris Ellis

Synopsis:

On June 4, 2017 Mississippi County Sheriff's Department Deputy Cummings responded to 2050 South State Highway 181 in Keiser, AR in reference to theft. Deputy Cummings made contact with Michael Allensworth. Mr. Allensworth advised between June 3 and June 4, someone stole his green Honda Foreman four-wheeler from his residence. Deputy Cummings took a report regarding this theft.

On June 4, 2017 at approximately 10:47 PM the Mississippi County Sheriff's Department was informed by the Lepanto Police Department a motorcycle registered to Carolyn Foster and Kenneth Lafkin had been involved in a vehicle pursuit in the City of Lepanto. At the conclusion of the pursuit, the motorcycle had wrecked. Lepanto Police were able to detain the two subjects on the motorcycle, identified as William Sparks and Terry Ruple. Deputy Souders then made contact with Carolyn Foster at 310 South Poplar in Keiser, AR regarding the motorcycle. Mrs. Foster then realized the motorcycle had been stolen from their driveway.

On June 4, 2017 Cpl. Ellis, investigator with the Mississippi County Sheriff's Department Street Crimes Unit, was contacted and informed of the above motorcycle theft. Cpl. Ellis responded to the Lepanto Police Department. Cpl. Ellis arrived and was informed that Terry Ruple received injuries to his leg as a result of wrecking the motorcycle. Lepanto Police had transported William Sparks to the police department. Cpl. Ellis then spoke with William Sparks. Prior to questioning, Sparks was advised of his rights, waived his rights and agreed to answer questions. Sparks ultimately admitted he and Terry Ruple got the motorcycle from Keiser, AR and rode it toward Lepanto. Sparks advised Ruple was the driver of the motorcycle. Arrest warrants are being sought for Terry Ruple regarding the above motorcycle theft. Sparks also admitted to being involved with another subject in the theft of Michael Allensworth's four-wheeler from Keiser, AR.

After speaking with Sparks, Cpl. Ellis and members of the Mississippi County Sheriff's Department

Street Crimes Unit traveled to West County Road 780, just west of Keiser, AR and located and recovered the green Honda Foreman four-wheeler reported stolen by Michael Allensworth.

William Sparks is currently on active felony probation assigned to Officer Ryan Jones.