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Burglary Arrest

On Wednesday, September 23rd at 12:45 PM, a property owner notified Dispatch that a vehicle was seen parked at a vacant residence and someone was loading property into the back.

Several Deputies responded to the burglary in progress call. When Sergeant Brenton Humphries arrived he located a truck parked inside the garage. While checking the property he observed a male suspect running across the pasture. The suspect was arrested following a brief foot pursuit.

Deputies cleared the residence and observed that the suspect was in the process of stealing copper wire when he was discovered.

Rodney Lynn Downing, Jr., 48 of Carthage, was charged with burglary of a building, theft of material – copper wire, and narcotics offenses. Downing has a history of burglary/theft offenses in Texas and Louisiana.

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