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Two Men Arrested on Break-In Charges

Durham police investigators have arrested two men and charged them with committing several break-ins in the Ward Street area in the past 10 days.

Officers responded to a break-in in progress call to a house on Ward Street at 11:35 a.m. on Wednesday and found that a door had been kicked in. Officers were given a description of two suspects and a few minutes later Sgt. Daniel Edwards stopped two males matching the description on Hilton Avenue near University Drive.

Officers arrested the two – Zaivier Julius Lee, 21, of Lexington Avenue and Nicholas Patrick Mastronardi, 18, of Francis Street – and charged them with breaking into the house on Ward Street. They were also both charged with breaking into a home on Perkins Road on Wednesday and breaking into a house on Legion Avenue on August 4. In addition, Lee was charged with breaking into the same house on Ward Street on August 10 and breaking into a house on Nation Avenue on August 10. Both men were charged with larceny, four counts of felony conspiracy and obtaining property by false pretense.

Items stolen during the break-ins included electronics, a telescope, a check and cameras.

Anyone with further information is asked to call Investigator Guardino at 560-4583, ext. 29364 or CrimeStoppers at 683-1200. CrimeStoppers pays cash rewards for information leading to arrests in felony cases and callers never have to identify themselves.

