

HOBBS POLICE DEPARTMENT



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AUTO BURGLARIES

Over the past few months, the Hobbs Police Department has been investigating several auto burglaries – mostly in the south and east areas of the city. Most of these auto burglaries have involved broken windows on the vehicles as the point of entry into the locked vehicles.

Through these investigations, it was determined that 29-year-old Aaron Castillo of Hobbs was a suspect in these burglaries. A warrant was issued for Mr. Castillo for two counts of Auto Burglary (4th Degree Felony) and had a previous warrant for Failure to Appear.

On March 26th, 2023, around 3:37 pm, officers located Mr. Castillo in the area of Dunnam and Eastern streets in Hobbs. Mr. Castillo saw the officers and immediately started running away on foot. He was given several commands from officers to stop running, to which he ignored. Officers were able to catch up to and detain Mr. Castillo in the backyard of a residence nearby. While he was being detained, Mr. Castillo excitedly told officers he ran away because he knew he had warrants.

Because of Mr. Castillo's failure to comply with law enforcement orders, he was also charged with Resisting, Evading, Obstructing an Officer.

Detectives are continuing to work new and additional leads in reference to other auto burglaries that have been reported.

The Hobbs Police Department would like to remind our citizens to LOCK YOUR VEHICLES, TAKE YOUR KEYS, and TAKE YOUR BELONGINGS WITH YOU.

And, of course, REPORT any suspicious activity, persons, or vehicles to the Hobbs Police Department by calling (575) 397-9265.

Mr. Castillo's criminal history includes, but is not limited to, the following:

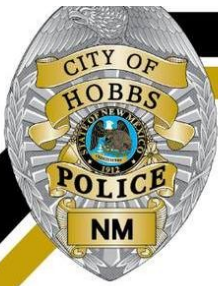
- Failure to Appear (Resisting, Evading, Obstructing an Officer): 16x
- Failure to Appear (traffic): 9x
- Failure to Appear (unknown original): 6x
- Failure to Appear (Aggravated Fleeing a Law Enforcement Officer): 3x
- Failure to Appear (Accidents Involving Death or Personal Injury): 3x
- Failure to Appear (Battery Against a Household Member): 3x
- Failure to Appear (Burglary): 3x

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- Failure to Appear (Unlawful Taking of Motor Vehicle): 2x
- Failure to Appear (concealing identity): 2x
- Failure to Appear (Probation Violation): 2x
- Failure to Appear (Possession of Controlled Substance): 1x
- Failure to Appear (Disorderly Conduct): 1x
- Resisting, Evading, Obstructing an Officer: 17x
- Possession of Controlled Substance: 6x
- Probation Violation: 4x
- Battery Against a Household Member: 4x
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia: 4x
- Criminal Trespass: 3x
- Unlawful Taking of Motor Vehicle: 3x
- Receiving Stolen Vehicle: 2x
- Disorderly Conduct: 2x
- Aggravated Fleeing a Law Enforcement Officer: 2x
- Burglary: 2x
- Unlawful Possession of Switchblades: 1x
- Shoplifting: 1x
- Possession of Marijuana: 1x
- Aggravated Assault: 1x
- Battery Upon Peace Officer: 1x
- Littering: 1x
- Criminal Damage to Property of Household Member: 1x
- Accidents Involving Death or Personal Injury (traffic): 1x
- Concealing Identity: 1x
- Lamps on Bicycles (traffic): 1x
- Failure to Pay (unknown original): 1x
- Failure to Pay (traffic): 1x

It is important to report all suspicious subjects, vehicles, or activity in your neighborhoods to police. If you have any information regarding this incident, or any other crimes, you can report it by calling dispatch at (575) 397-9265, or contact Lea County Crime Stoppers at (575) 393-8005 (you may be eligible for a cash reward). You can also message us privately on Facebook, just understand that our Facebook page is not monitored in real time and is not a good avenue to report real-time crime.

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