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## SANTA CRUZ COUNTY Sheriff-Coroner

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**Jim Hart**  
Sheriff-Coroner

## Auto Burglary Crew Arrested

**DATE / TIME:** 5/9/18 1130 AM **CASE #:** Multiple  
**LOCATION:** Highway 1 @ Bonny Doon Road, Bonny Doon, CA  
**TYPE OF CRIME:** 459 PC (Auto Burglary) **Felony**

### SUSPECT ARRESTED:

Ronald Dillon, 41-year-old, Salinas resident

Elizabeth Chandler, 27-year-old, Salinas resident

### DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT:

Over the past month, the Sheriff's Office has received 18 reports of auto burglaries on the North Coast of Santa Cruz County. Many of the burglaries were accomplished by a window being broken and personal property stolen. The common items taken were wallets, purses, backpacks and valuable electronics.

Sheriff's Detectives were able to identify multiple suspects believed to be responsible for most of the North Coast burglaries. Arrest warrants were obtained for several suspects including Elizabeth Chandler and Ronald Dillon.

On 5/11/18, Detectives found Chandler and Dillon driving through the City of Santa Cruz towards the North Coast. Detectives stopped and arrested both Chandler and Dillon for their involvement in the auto burglaries. During a search of the vehicle, detectives located stolen property, burglary tools and evidence of drug use. Both were arrested and charged with multiple accounts of auto burglary, fraudulent use of credit cards, stolen property and drug related charges. Chandler and Dillon were linked to more than six auto burglaries from around the county.

The Sheriff's Office would like to remind people to be remove items of value from your vehicle when leaving your car unattended for any length of time.

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