

PRESS RELEASE

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Ames Police Charge Burglary Suspect

On March 5, 2021, the Ames Police Department arrested Trenton L. Williams, age 29, of Ames for the following offenses.

- Robbery 2nd degree, a class "C" felony
- Burglary 1st degree, a class "B" felony
- Burglary 2nd degree, a class "C" felony (2 counts)
- Burglary 3rd degree, a class "D" felony (2 counts)
- Assault with Intent to Commit Sexual Abuse, a class "D" felony
- Stalking, an aggravated misdemeanor (3 counts)
- Trespass, a serious misdemeanor (3 counts)
- Harassment 2nd degree, a serious misdemeanor
- Theft 3rd degree, an aggravated misdemeanor

This arrest is in connection with an extensive and on-going investigation which started in May 2019. College age female victims reported multiple burglaries and trespassing incidents at apartments in the 100 and 200 block of Hyland Avenue and the 100 block of Campus Avenue. In many of the cases, Williams did not steal items, but he stood in the victim's rooms while they slept, and video recorded them. These incidents continued and escalated in November 2020 when Williams assaulted a victim inside her apartment.

Investigators conducted a search warrant on Williams' apartment and his electronic devices. Evidence from these search warrants connected him to the incidents.

Investigation into this incident continues by the Ames Police Department.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Ames Police Department at 239-5133 or the anonymous tip line **239-5533**. You may also contact Crime Stoppers of Central Iowa at 515-223-1400. Online anonymous tips may be submitted to <u>www.crimestoppersofcentraliowa.com</u>.

Questions regarding this press release may be directed to Commander Jason Tuttle, Ames Police Department, at (515) 239-5312 or (515) 239-5133.

A criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.