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On 4-21-17 at approximately 6:30PM Law Enforcement Officers of the Merrill Police Department and the Tomahawk Police Department conducted a search warrant at 229 S. 2nd St Apt #2 in Tomahawk, WI. The search warrant was initially focused on locating evidence of church burglaries committed in Merrill, WI on or about the Easter holiday week. Upon execution of the search warrant, it became apparent the suspect of the Merrill burglaries also possessed stolen property related to other City of Tomahawk and Lincoln County burglaries. Multiple items of evidence were located and seized.

The suspect, Jon Schenk Jr., was arrested on scene for an outstanding probation violation and has displayed a level of cooperation with investigators of all three agencies. As of the date of the warrant, Schenk is suspected of being involved in at least a dozen burglaries throughout Lincoln County. Schenk is currently on probation for multiple burglaries.

At the time of this release, Schenk has not been charged with any offenses pending further investigation of unsolved burglaries. However, we anticipate multiple charges will be brought by all investigating agencies.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Corey A. Bennett'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the Chief of Police.

Corey Bennett, Chief of Police