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LANCASTER COUPLE CHARGED IN A SERIES OF THEFTS AND BURGLARIES IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY

[Lancaster, Ohio, April 21, 2010] On April 2, 2010 at 10:20 a.m., the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office arrested **Rodney D. Hunckler**, 36, 1223 N. Columbus St., Lancaster, Ohio charged with Breaking and Entering, an F-5, punishable by up to 12 months confinement and \$7,500 fine. Currently incarcerated on a \$50,000 recognizance bond.

Also charged was **Joy M. Nutt**, 41, 1223 N. Columbus St., Lancaster, Ohio with Receiving Stolen Property, an F-5, punishable by up to 12 months confinement and \$7,500 fine. She has been released on a \$10,000 appearance bond.

The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office detectives have been investigating a series of burglaries where several garages were entered and equipment and tools were stolen. A felony arrest warrant was issued for Rodney D. Hunckler in connection with these burglaries during the day. Detectives developed information on several thousand dollars in stolen property being pawned to an out of county pawn shop. The homeowners of these burglaries have been able to identify stolen property valued at almost \$20,000. In several of these burglaries, detectives believe Hunckler would approach a residence, when he determined no one was home he would make entry into a garage and see what he could take. "Detectives have identified stolen property from twelve different homes in Walnut, Liberty and Pleasant townships," stated Lt. Tim Voris.

Sheriff Dave Phalen stated, "These types of crimes are typical, where the suspect goes to the front door, knocks and, if no one answers the door, he or she will force their way into the home and take items easily able to be sold or pawned in a short time." Detectives believe Hunckler would leave the burglary scene and drive straight to the pawn shops. Mr. Hunckler would target garages and take generators, snow blowers, saws, and chain saws. Anyone that may have additional information regarding these burglaries is asked to call Detective Bryan Kohler at 740-687-6868. Detectives are continuing their investigation into these crimes.