



*2020 WILTON DRIVE, WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA 33305*

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

NUMBER	SUBJECT	DATE
2015-011	Burglary Residence / Grand Theft Arrest	7/2/15

On June 14, 2015 a vigilant neighbor (witness) observed a vehicle parked at his neighbor's residence, which is listed for sale. Knowing that his neighbor was not home, the witness contacted the victim to inquire about the vehicle since he had never seen it there before. The witness verified that no one was supposed to be at the residence. Police were called to investigate, but the vehicle had already left the area. It was determined that property had been unlawfully taken from the victim's backyard without the owner's consent.

With the assistance of the witness, investigators were able to identify the possible suspect as Joseph Schutz, who is a real estate agent with Re/Max. Schutz was interviewed by investigators and property from this burglary was recovered at his residence. Schutz admitted to taking the items from the victim's backyard after finding the residence listed for sale. Schutz was arrested and charged with Burglary and Grand Theft.

Investigators stressed that this case would not have been possible to solve without vigilant neighbors looking out for each other. Chief Paul O'Connell has stressed the importance of being watchful through his "Know Your Neighbor – Know Your Neighborhood" initiative, and it is apparent the message continues to be heard throughout our community. Citizens are encouraged to call police immediately at 954-764-4357 (954-764-HELP) if they see something unusual or suspicious so police can investigate.

The Wilton Manors Police Department also encourages residents to contact us before going on vacation. The Wilton Manors Police Department has had a successful "HOUSE CHECK" program in

place for the last 15 years. For more information, residents can contact the Wilton Manors Police Department at 954-390-2150 or [www.wmpd.org](http://www.wmpd.org)



Joseph Schultz 7/22/70