DNA evidence points investigators to burglary suspect

Investigative work from various LPPD divisions pays off.

Blood left at the scene of the crime was the catalyst which led to the identification of a burglary suspect, 29-year-old Marky Lee Baker of Friendswood.

A total of five Burglary of Motor Vehicle and Criminal Mischief offenses in La Porte have since been cleared, and LPPD anticipates Baker may be linked to others in the future. In addition, the Harris County District Attorney’s Office has announced, due to Baker’s criminal history, he will face State Jail Felony charges for his December 2012 activities in the City of La Porte.

The crimes now linked to Baker involved a great deal of investigative work by LPPD detectives, however, the real break came from a subsequent DNA examination of blood evidence originally collected by La Porte Patrol Officers from the scene of a Burglary of Motor Vehicle offense in La Porte’s Glen Meadows subdivision. Fortunately, with Baker’s DNA having been previously logged in the FBI’s Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), detectives made fast work when the CODIS response was added to the tremendous
investigative case files compiled by varying members of La Porte’s Criminal Investigation Division.

Baker’s formal State Jail Felony charge carries a penalty of 180 days to two years jail time, with the added potential of fines ranging up to $10,000.

La Porte police are certainly pleased with the identification of Baker, but have no intentions of resting. An arrest warrant is currently active for Baker and La Porte Police are asking for your help in locating the suspect. Furthermore, there are other unsolved area car burglaries which investigators continue to examine daily, and the agency is asking for assistance in solving these crimes as well.

If you see suspicious activity, have any information related to other crimes occurring in the City of La Porte, or know where Marky Lee Baker may be located, please contact La Porte Police at 281-471-2141.