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Media Release

Subject: Rock Springs Police Nab Burglar

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On Tuesday, September 22, 2015, Chief Dwane Pacheco reports officers of the Rock Springs Police Department nabbed a burglar early Tuesday morning.

At approximately 3:00 a.m., a resident in the 200 block of "K" Street called to report someone had just broken into their vehicle and stolen a tackle box. The reporting person's husband had gone after the suspect. Officer Steve Van Valkenburg located a female fleeing the scene on foot and was able to take her into custody. While investigating the burglary, officers learned of a second vehicle burglary nearby. Serena Schwartz, age 27, of Rock Springs was subsequently arrested for two counts of burglary and booked into the Sweetwater County Jail. Schwartz was found in possession of property stolen from the vehicles during the arrest.

Though this incident resulted in a safe and successful arrest, police discourage the public from pursuing suspects in such situations. Police note the outcome could have been very different or even deadly had the suspect been armed.

The Rock Springs Police Department reminds citizens that all persons are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.