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Taverns targeted in area break-ins

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By Ryan Whisner Union regional editor

JEFFERSON — Authorities are not certain whether there is a connection between the series of recent burglaries targeting taverns along the Rock River and Lake Koshkonong corridor in Dane and Jefferson counties.

The burglaries include those at Creekview Par 3 golf course, Highwood Clubhouse, Norm's Hideaway Bar and Grill and Lou's Riverview Bar and Grill.

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Each location is at least partially concealed from the roadway and all of the burglaries occurred in the late night or early morning hours.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Detective Sgt. Don Hunter said both of the two Jefferson County incidents — at Norm's, on Kuehn Road on Lake Koshkonong's north side and Lou's, along County Highway K between Fort Atkinson and Jefferson — involved forced entry and cash being targeted.

He said some product also was taken from Lou's.

In addition, doors were used as entry points into both of the businesses.

"It's safe to say there were multiple suspects in each of

these burglaries," Hunter said.

Creekview Par 3 in the Town of Albion reportedly was broken into on the early morning hours of Sunday, Sept. 6. Details of that incident were not available from authorities and it is not clear whether there is any connection between the crimes.

Owner Nicole Lenox said the alleged burglars broke in through a window and "demolished an ATM" and got the money out of it. There was minimal other damage as a result of the burglary.

Highwood Clubhouse in the Edgerton area also reportedly was broken into. There were no details available of the incident or when it might have occurred.

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According to other business owners in the vicinity, break-ins at Highwood reportedly were attempted twice. It is not clear whether anything was taken.

Hunter said the burglary at Norm's Hideaway at W8639 Kuehn Road in the Town of Sumner was reported to the sheriff's office at 1:29 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 11.

Money and a cash register were taken from the business. Due to the damage incurred by the burglary, Norm's was closed for repairs until today.

The detective sergeant said the break-in at Lou's Riverview at N3536 County Highway K in the Town of Jefferson was reported on early Tuesday, Sept. 15. Similar to prior incidents, the burglary reportedly would have occurred sometime in the early morning hours.

Hunter indicated that surveillance footage was being reviewed as part of the investigation.

Both incidents remain under investigation by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office detective bureau.

"As always, we would ask citizens that are in either area where these burglaries occurred to come forward if they have information they feel may be useful in our investigation," Hunter said.

Anyone with information regarding the robberies is encouraged to call the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office at (920) 674-7310 or submit an anonymous tip to WeTIP at (800) 78-CRIME (27463).

Meanwhile, the Piggly Wiggly store in Jefferson reportedly was burglarized overnight Sunday, Sept. 13 or the early morning hours of Monday, Sept. 14.

Jefferson Police Detective Eric Weiss said the store was broken into and there was some property damage. A safe and ATM were broken into, too.

Video surveillance from the store is being reviewed.

Weiss was unable to comment on specific details of the alleged crime or if there were multiple suspects involved.

"It happened in overnight hours when no employees were there," the detective said.



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