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Cops say parolee broke into Highland home, stole car

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A 36-year-old parolee from Highland is back in the Oakland County Jail after being arrested Jan. 5 for home invasion and stealing a car from Highland residents while they were vacationing in Florida.

Jeffrey Shawn Turner, who was arraigned Jan. 9 in Novi's 52-1 District Court, faces up to 20 years in prison on a charge of home invasion, second degree, and up to five years for unlawfully driving away an automobile. He was paroled from jail last July, and has past convictions for car theft, cocaine possession, resisting and obstructing a police officer, fleeing a police officer and receiving stolen property.

Turner's latest trouble with the law stems from a break-in at a home on Middle Road in Highland, near the Highland Greens Estates mobile home community where he had been staying recently. Det. Ken Hiller of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office substation in the township said a Highland couple had returned from their vacation on Jan. 5 to find their 1997 Lincoln Town Car was missing from the garage. Moments later, they discovered someone had been in their home and had overturned jewelry boxes and messed up other areas.

The residents reported a safe, jewelry, a shotgun, TV, computer and other items were missing.

Once the car was listed as stolen, Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Brett Giroux noted that he had seen it a day earlier in Highland Greens. Soon after, Turner was linked to the case, Hiller said.

"An anonymous tip told him Jeffrey Turner was the one who stole the Lincoln," Hiller said.

After Turner was arrested, most of the items he allegedly took were turned over to sheriff's deputies by Turner's family members, Hiller said.

"The family admitted he told them he broke into the house," he said.

At the time of his arrest, Turner also had an outstanding warrant for not paying child support, Hiller said.

Turner remains in jail, unable to post a \$50,000 bond.

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