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### ***NEWS RELEASE***

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For Immediate Release

#### **Sheriff Nabs Burglary Suspect Inside Victim's House**

Sheriff Eddie Cathey was on Lancaster Highway near Monroe yesterday afternoon shortly after 1:00 pm when he heard a call for service dispatched about a residential burglary in progress in the 1900 block of Gables Drive, Monroe. Realizing he was less than three miles away, the sheriff activated his blue lights and siren and quickly responded to Gables Drive.

Once at the house, Sheriff Cathey and Chief Deputy Todd Elmore found two females outside the residence. The females reported they had just returned home and found glass from a broken window on the front door. The front door was also ajar from forced entry. They reported that a man had broken into the house and was in the kitchen cooking food.

Sheriff Cathey and Chief Elmore found 46 year old Rusty Lee Pope inside the house. Pope had what appeared to be dried blood on his hand and a strong odor of alcohol on his person. Pope was taken into custody and turned over to other deputies who responded to the call.

Pope remains in the Union County Jail where he now faces charges of Breaking and Entering and Injury to Personal Property. Pope's next court appearance is January 9, 2018.



POPE

Point of contact for this press release is Chief Communications Officer Tony Underwood, 704-292-2707.

Citizens with information concerning criminal activity are encouraged to call:

**Union County Sheriff's Office** at 704-283-3789

Or

**Union County Crimestoppers** at 704-283-5600

