

## **Suspect in All Saints Church Burglary Arrested**

*Multi-agency effort results in capture of man believed to be responsible for spree of church break-ins*

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On Thursday, October 1, 2015, All Saints Church at 3 Chevy Chase Circle was forcibly entered by a lone burglar. Based on a review of security video, the burglar spent more than an hour inside the church. On Monday night, October 5, 2015, the Mormon Church at 5460 Western Avenue was broken into.

On Tuesday, October 6, Village officers canvassed the churches on the DC side of Western Avenue, and learned that 3 churches in upper northwest had been burglarized recently including Chevy Chase Presbyterian on the DC side of the Circle. When Village officers spoke with DC police detectives to compare notes, it was evident that the same person was likely responsible for the 5 burglaries.

Chevy Chase Village, Montgomery County and DC police officers established a joint investigation. Over the next two days, the burglar struck twice more—by burglarizing both All Saints and CC Presbyterian again.

Montgomery County detectives were able to identify the suspect with the help of security camera footage, and on Thursday, October 8, detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Mr. Freddie Hamlett, 49, of Washington, DC.

Montgomery County detectives arrested Mr. Hamlett on Friday, October 09, 2015 at about 5:00 a.m. near the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and Western Avenue. Detectives from the Metropolitan (DC) Police Department will be seeking charges against Mr. Hamlett for the burglaries committed at churches in the District.

The Chevy Chase Village Police Department wishes to thank the staff of All Saints Church for their dedicated assistance in the investigation. Additionally, the Village PD is grateful for the help and expertise of the Montgomery County Police Department and the Metropolitan Police Department. Their assistance was critical to the success of this joint investigation.