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To: Members of the Media

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Re: Sealey Brothers Plead Guilty to Multiple Felonies

Brothers, Kelvin Sealey, 42, and John Sealey, 39, both from Fairmont, were sentenced to substantial prison sentences for multiple larcenies occurring in March of 2021. The victims of the larcenies were primarily businesses, and the brothers were charged as a result of a joint investigation by the New Hanover County Sheriff's Department, the Wilmington Police Department, and the Carolina Beach Police Department.

In one incident, the brothers stole a truck and used that truck to back into the gate to make entry to Wilmington Parks and Recreation where they stole landscaping equipment. A red Dodge Ram rented from the airport and being operated by John Sealey was caught on surveillance at the multiple crime scenes, as well as a White Chevrolet Avalanche being operated by Kelvin Sealey. Multiple Trailers, Golf Carts, Landscaping Equipment, ATVs and a Tractor were stolen during the two brother's crime spree. Detectives were also able to track the Dodge Ram through a GPS tracking system and were able to place that vehicle at the crime scenes.

On March 25, 2021, a surveillance operation was conducted by the New Hanover Sheriff's Office where they tracked both men using GPS, and saw them go to a business, steal a trailer and then use that trailer to steal golf carts from another business in town. Deputies and Detectives with the NHSD pulled up on the two brothers, with John Sealey driving the red Dodge Ram. Kelvin Sealey fled from the passenger side of the Dodge Ram and was located by NHSD K9 tracking.

While Kelvin Sealey has remained in custody since March 25, 2021, John Sealey was able to bond out on a \$250,000 secured bond. The defendant was placed on an electronic ankle monitor, however a Judge later removed that ankle monitor over the State's objection. On April 4, 2022, John Sealey was caught on camera stealing another trailer from a local business. Detectives with the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office served the felony larceny warrant on John Sealey on May 3, 2022. While serving that warrant, Detectives located flashlights in John Sealey's possession containing cocaine and heroin instead of batteries, and John Sealey was charged with additional drug charges.

Superior Court Judge Kent Harrell sentenced John Sealey to a prison sentence of 70-93 months, along with a \$100,000 fine for trafficking in heroin and trafficking in cocaine. John Sealey, also, plead guilty to the felony larceny charges arising out of his and his brother's March 2021 crime spree, as well as the April 4, 2022 larceny he committed while out on bond.

Superior Court Judge Thomas Wilson sentenced Kelvin Sealey, a habitual felon, to 100-132 months in prison for the larcenies he committed in February and March of 2021, as well as possessing a stolen firearm and possession of a firearm by a felon. The brothers were ordered to pay over \$50,000 in restitution to their victims.

John Sealey's prior record includes multiple convictions for larceny, forgery and assault on a law enforcement officer. Kelvin Sealey's prior record includes multiple convictions for larceny and common law robbery.



Kelvin Sealey



John Sealey