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### **SLED'S BLOODHOUND TRACKING TEAM MEMBERS LEAD POLICE TO BURGLARY SUSPECTS**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) Tracking Team has assisted the Batesburg-Leesville Police Department with a burglary investigation.

Chief Wallace Oswald requested team members at approximately 5:30 this morning to help search for burglary suspects who are accused of breaking into a Batesburg-Leesville business located on Oak Street.

When the three members of the Tracking Team arrived with "Judy" the bloodhound, they noticed evidence behind the business.

At the crime scene, "Judy," picked up a scent and tracked a scent through the woods.

She located and sniffed more evidence that was along the way.

Judy kept tracking approximately one mile through the woods to a nearby road.

Her highly-trained nose led her to footprints in a sandy area of the roadway and eventually to a house on Line Street which is not far from the crime scene.

As a result, Batesburg-Leesville police later brought four people in for questioning.

Arrests have been made in this investigation and charges are pending against several individuals.

This is the second time in a week that the Tracking Team helped Batesburg-Leesville police with a burglary in the same area.

Bloodhounds are a valuable tool in daily crime-fighting across South Carolina.

**Call the Batesburg-Leesville Police Department at (803) 532-4408 for details on both burglaries and suspects.**