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## MEDIA RELEASE

**TO:** General Distribution

**FROM:** Bryan Litsey, Chief of Police

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**RE:** Residential Burglary Spree Ends - Suspect Arrested



Stewart Pesheck

A spree of residential daytime burglaries in the southwest metro came to an end on Monday, February 6, 2012, with the arrest of **Stewart Eugene Pesheck, DOB 11/07/1968 (Age 43)**. Pesheck, who was released from custody back in October 2011, became a person of interest after similarities were noted between these burglaries and his known method of operation. One of these was an attempted burglary in Greenwood on January 18, 2012 followed by two successful burglaries in Greenwood on January 27, 2012. Greenwood is one of four cities served by the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department (SLMPD).

Detective Sergeant Steve Neururer and Detective Mike O'Keefe with the SLMPD joined forces with their counterparts in other communities experiencing similar burglaries. This led to a detail being formed to keep Pesheck under surveillance during the hours of the day when these burglaries were being committed. Staffing such a detail consumes a considerable amount of manpower and normally takes a collaborative effort like this to be successful. Detective Sergeant Neururer was on the surveillance detail when Pesheck burglarized a home in Eden Prairie and was arrested on February 6, 2012. He subsequently interviewed Pesheck, who confessed to the three burglaries in Greenwood as well as a burglary in neighboring Deephaven. Pesheck also confessed to a multitude of other burglaries in Eden Prairie and Edina. He continues to be a suspect in other neighboring jurisdictions that have experienced residential burglaries. It is believed Pesheck acted alone and targeted the homes at random, although this is still being investigated. Detective Sergeant Neururer took part in executing a search warrant at Pesheck's apartment in Richfield where evidence was seized connecting him to a number of burglaries, including the ones in Greenwood. Pesheck is currently being held at the Hennepin County Adult Detention Center with bail set at \$150,000. He has a lengthy criminal history, including burglary and assault.

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Not only was the SLMPD instrumental in the capture of Pesheck, but virtually every member of the department contributed to this effort. This included going door-to-door with crime alert flyers; keeping community leaders and residents informed through the city website and e-mail distribution network; stepping up residential patrols in both marked and unmarked vehicles; responding to an increased number of house check requests and suspicious activity calls; and providing crime prevention tips and information. These efforts, coupled with the strong partnership that exists between the SLMPD and the residents of Greenwood, really made a difference.