

## Two men arrested in connection with Dunham's burglary

Two suspects have been arrested in connection with a burglary that occurred Monday morning at Dunham's Sports in Marion.

According to a press release issued by the Marion Police Department, detectives from the METRICH-MARMET Drug Task Force have arrested Jaime Contreras, 19, Marion, and Paul K. Black III, 18, Marion.

Dunham's Sports, 1296 Mount Vernon Avenue, Marion, was robbed around 4 a.m. Monday, Oct. 28, according to a press release issued by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Lt. Chris Adkins of the Marion Police Department stated that three suspects entered the store through the back door and stole nine handguns.

Contreras was arrested on Tuesday, Oct. 29. He was arraigned Thursday in Marion Municipal Court and charged with theft from a federal firearms licensee, a first-degree felony, and breaking and entering, a fifth-degree felony.

Bond for Contreras has been set at \$500,000, according to records on the municipal court website. He is scheduled to appear in court for a preliminary hearing at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 8.



JAIME CONTRERAS

Black was arrested on Thursday, Oct. 31. He was arraigned Friday in Marion Municipal Court and charged with grand theft, a first-degree felony, and breaking and entering, a fifth-degree felony, according to the municipal court website.

Black is scheduled to appear in court for a preliminary hearing at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 8. No bond amount was listed for Black on the court's website.

A third suspect in the case has not been arrested yet.

"We are tasked with providing for the safety of those who live in our community," said Marion Police Chief Bill Collins. "My staff is keenly aware that there are certain crimes that will require their immediate attention and complete focus, and this is one of those crimes.



PAUL BLACK III

"The importance of identifying and arresting these individuals, coupled with the removal of these weapons from our streets cannot be underscored," he added. "It would seem evident that criminals who would go to such extreme measures to acquire multiple handguns did so with the intention of furthering their criminal activity. I am proud of the teamwork displayed by the investigators in this case and their joint commitment to the safety of our community."

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