



## **BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

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### **Media Release**

#### **Burglary - Boone County Fairgrounds**

Incident: Burglary  
Location: Boone County Fairgrounds Coliseum  
Date & time: 01-18-2012 at about 3:35 a.m.  
Case Number: #2012-0277

#### Details:

During the early morning hours of 01-18-2012, an off-duty deputy was providing overnight security at the Boone County Fairgrounds Coliseum. At around 0235 hours, the deputy heard some suspicious noises near one of the exterior doors. Initially, nothing was located when the area was checked by officers.

About an hour later, the deputy encountered a subject inside the darkened coliseum building. The subject, Steven E. Babcock (Jr.), was apprehended. Babcock was dressed head to toe in camouflage clothing. In addition, he was in possession of a pair of metal shears. The metal shears were used to gain entry into the building.

Babcock's vehicle was discovered parked behind a nearby building.

It is not believed anything was stolen during the incident.

The fairgrounds is currently hosting the MFA Incorporated Trade Show. At the time of the incident, the coliseum building contained a lot of valuable merchandise, tools, farm equipment, and personal property.

Babcock was charged with Burglary and Possession of Burglar's Tools. At this time, his bond has not been set by a judge. Babcock's current booking photograph has been included below.

All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty.



Release date & time: 01-18-2012 at 7:00 a.m.  
Release authorized by: Sgt. David Alexander