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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **ALARM LEADS TO ARREST FOR BURGLARY**

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – On July 31, 2015, at approximately 11:48 AM, officers with the Baxter Police Department and the Putnam County Sheriff's Department responded to a burglary alarm at a warehouse located at 455 Ward Mill Road.

When officers arrived on the scene, they discovered damage to concrete blocks on the outside of the building that created a hole leading inside the building. The officers conducted a search of the building and discovered a male subject inside later identified as Benjamin Robert Hardy.

Hardy was taken into custody and charged with burglary and vandalism. Officer Chris Austin of the Baxter Police Department was the first officer on the scene. He was assisted by Deputies Gary Davis, Bryan Whitefield, Dan Gragg, Lt. Tony Branch and Sgt. Eric Hall of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Devin Brown of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit also assisted with the search. Detective Shane Higgenbotham of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department is in charge of the investigation.

This investigation is ongoing and anyone with additional information on this case is encouraged to contact the Putnam County Sheriff's Office at (931) 528-8484.

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