

# Avon man charged with making false report

By Ann Bryant  
Special to the Irregular

AVON — A homeowner who reported a theft of firearms and money from his Rangeley Road residence last week has been charged with a misdemeanor of giving a false public alarm or report.

Michael H. Rackliffe, 36, reported a burglary and theft of property including guns and cash estimated at \$4,000 from his Route 4 home on Nov. 15.

He told police he came home at about 4 p.m. to discover the house had been gone through, searched and the items were missing, said Lt. Niles Yeaton of the Franklin County Sheriff's Department.

Deputy Sheriff Heidi Gould investigated the reported crime and during a second subsequent interview, Rackliffe admitted to the false report.

Five weapons and an undisclosed amount of cash were reported taken from the home located near Lindbergh Airport while he was motorcycling and away for about six hours.

# Crash sends four to hospital

By Donna M. Perry  
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JAY — Four people were taken to the hospital Monday, Nov. 23, after a car crossed over the centerline on Crash Road and struck a van head-on, police Chief Larry White Sr. said.

Louise Tardif, 63, of Jay was traveling east on the road at about 12:15 p.m. when the 2002 Toyota Camry she was driving crossed into the westbound lane, hitting a 2004 Dodge Caravan driven by Heidi Tolman, 41, of New Portland, White said in a news release.

Tardif, Tolman and her two passengers, her 9-month-old child and Laurie Agren, 47, also of New Portland, were taken by ambulance to Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington, White said. The three adults complained of chest and neck pain and the child did not appear to have any injuries.

Jay firefighters, along with medics from three NorthStar ambulances, assisted police at the scene, he said.

Both vehicles are believed to be a total loss.

Detective Richard Caton IV is investigating to determine what happened, White said.

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