Three 21-Year-Olds Break into Mesa Home and Demand Beer By: Jeremy Geigle, Attorney at Law JacksonWhite, P.C.

Ryan Andreas, Zella Andreas, and Yalena Thurman, all 21-years of age, were arrested after breaking into a Mesa resident's home on Sunday morning. The three suspects broke in through a window and then assaulted two residents after demanding beer. Police caught the three suspects as they were leaving the home and charged them with second-degree burglary, aggravated assault, criminal damage to property, and driving under the influence.

Burglary in the second-degree is defined in <u>A.R.S. 13-1507</u>:

A person commits <u>burglary</u> in the second degree by entering or remaining in a person's home with the intent to commit theft or another felony act.

Burglary in the second degree is a class 3 felony.

<u>A.R.S. 13-1204</u> explains that <u>aggravated assault</u> can be charged if an offender enters a private home with the intent to commit assault. The three suspects who broke into the victim's private residence violated paragraph 4 of the criminal code regarding aggravated assault. A violation of that paragraph is a class 6 felony.

According to <u>A.R.S. 13-1602</u>, a person commits criminal damage by recklessly defacing or damaging the property of another person. A criminal damage charge ranges from a class 2 misdemeanor to a class 4 felony. The severity of the charge depends on the value of the property that is damaged. In the case mentioned above, the three suspects broke a residential window to gain access to the property.

Lastly, as the suspects were leaving the residential property, they were stopped by the Mesa Police Department and were charged with driving under the influence.

Driving under the influence is a class 1 misdemeanor. A convicted DUI offender will spend no less than 10 days in jail, pay numerous fines that can add up to \$1,250, install a certified ignition interlock device, and perform community service.

When a person is arrested for a crime, police tack on as many charges as they can, but a skilled criminal defense lawyer can work to get your charges reduced or dropped.

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