



**BURKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**Sheriff Banks Hinceman**  
**BURKE COUNTY CID / NARCOTICS DIVISION**  
**PRESS RELEASE**



**Name:** DEKOTA RYAN PETTRY  
**DOB:** 12/26/1999      **Age:** 24  
**Race:** White      **Sex:** Male  
**Address:** 1317 Oak Hill Dr. Morganton, NC  
**Charges:** F – Larceny  
**Bond:** \$75,000.00 Secured  
**Court Date:** December 29, 2023



**Name:** CHRISTOPHER ALAN PRUETT  
**DOB:** 07/13/1983      **Age:** 40  
**Race:** White      **Sex:** Male  
**Address:** 1937 US HWY 64. Morganton, NC  
**Charges:** F- Larceny  
**Bond:** \$5,000 Secured  
**Court Date:** January 4, 2024

**Details:**

On December 11, 2023, the Burke County Sheriff's Office took a report of larceny of diamond-plated aluminum from Toner Machining Technologies in Morganton. Toner Machining Technologies reported several sheets of diamond-plated aluminum valued at approximately \$5,000, stolen during the night of December 10, 2023.

Toner Machining Technologies provided video surveillance footage from the business that provided information on two suspect vehicles. Patrol officers located the suspect vehicles that led investigators to Dekota Ryan Pettry and Christopher Alan Pruett. Pettry was arrested on December 21, 2023, and charged with felony larceny. Pettry was issued a \$75,000 secured bond with a court date of December 29, 2023. Pruett was arrested on January 3, 2024, and charged with felony larceny. Pruett was issued a \$5,000 secured bond with a court date of January 4, 2024.

On January 3, 2024, several pieces of the diamond-plated aluminum were recovered and returned to Toner Machining Technologies. The investigation is ongoing at this time.

Since November of 2023, Dekota Pettry has been arrested on the following charges:

- Felony possession of a stolen motor vehicle- \$10,000 Secured Bond- Rutherford County- 11/8/23
- Felony larceny of a motor vehicle and possession of a stolen motor vehicle- \$3,000 Secured Bond- Lincoln County- 12/19/23
- Resisting a public officer- \$500 Secured Bond- Burke County- 12/19/23
- Felony larceny- \$75,000 Secured Bond- Burke County- 12/21/23
- Misdemeanor possession of stolen goods-\$5,000 Secured Bond- Burke County-12/30/23

January 8, 2024