

Burglary in Brady home reveals blessings

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Lincoln County Sheriff's investigation continues.

When someone broke into a Brady home last week taking personal items and leaving behind a spray-painted mess, the home owner felt violated.

"Someone broke that barrier," the owner said. "They invaded my personal space and I felt like I'd been taken advantage of."

But in the days since the burglary and graffiti occurred, the Brady home owner has realized the many blessings of living in a small town.

"You read about this kind of thing all the time and you never think it could happen to you," she said. "But it has made me realize there are a whole lot of people in this little community that I didn't even know cared about me."

Sgt. Roland Kramer of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office said someone entered the residence on west Highway 30 while the owner was not home. The crime was reported on June 21.

In addition to taking personal items from the house, the suspect or suspects used spray paint to leave their mark on the outside of the home.

"The graffiti is minor in the scope of things," Kramer said. "There were a lot of things taken."

Assorted household items were stolen including electrical devices, pieces of jewelry and guns.

Kramer said an exact dollar amount has not been determined but it is substantial.

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Since the investigation is continuing and the sheriff's department is actively pursuing leads, few details of the crime are being released.

The home owner, who asked not to be identified so as not to hinder the investigation, said she never allowed fear to chase her out of her home or force her to stay in it.

"I couldn't imagine anyone who hated me enough to hurt me," she said. "I didn't allow myself to be scared."

At the same time, she said she has felt tremendous support and help from the people of the Brady community.

"I can't count the number of people who have offered to help if I need it," she said. "It just reinforces how people in a small town band together to take care of each other whether they really know them or not. I couldn't be more grateful."

Kramer said anyone with information about this crime is encouraged to call the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office at 308-532-2468.