

Arrested E. Murphy
Burglar busted after April '05
McKownville break-in p. 19

By Nicole Fay Barr

MCKOWNVILLE —

Residents in McKownville are celebrating, after hearing from police that a repeat burglar — terrorizing this part of town since November — has been caught.

David A. Hollenbeck, 44, of 1939 Seventh Ave., first floor, Watervliet, was caught in a home on McKown Road Friday. He was hiding near a bed, with a piggy bank and jewelry, police say.

Hollenbeck was then arrested for second-degree burglary, a felony. Police say he was responsible for three other burglaries in the area and additional charges are pending.

Don Reeb, president of the McKownville Improvement Association, sent an e-mail to residents after Hollenbeck's arrest, applauding the Guilderland Police for its work. Reeb had been sending regular e-mails, warning residents to beware of the burglar and reporting when a new house had been robbed.

It was neighbors keeping a watch on nearby homes that led to Hollenbeck's arrest.

Guilderland Police say that, at 10:08 a.m. on Friday, they received a call that a man broke a window, at a duplex at 9 McKown Road, and entered one of the apartments.

Police, who were in the neighborhood investigating what turned out to be a suicide (see related story), arrived at the home as Hollenbeck was leaving. He then went back into the home to avoid the officers, police say.

Guilderland officers, along with State Troopers and the University at Albany's police dog, entered the apartment and, after a brief search, found Hollenbeck crouched by a bed. He was taken into custody without incident, police say, and was found to have been trying to steal assorted jewelry and a piggy bank.

Hollenbeck was arraigned in Guilderland Town Court Friday night and was remanded to Albany County jail.