Couple linked to large burglary ring

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A Spokane mobile home salesman and his wife are believed to have purchased thousands of dollars worth of stolen property from a burglary ring operating in the Spokane area and North Idaho, detectives said.

Steven Karl Randock, 49, and Dixie Ellen Randock, 38, both of W1222 Cliffwood Court, were arrested last week in an investigation that has netted 14 other arrests and more than $50,000 in recovered property, said Spokane police Sgt. Earl Ennis.

About $6,500 in stolen property was recovered from their home, business and vehicles, police said.

Steven Randock was charged with first-degree possession of stolen property and his wife was charged with second-degree possession of stolen property, Ennis said. Both are free on their own recognizances pending trial.

Randock operates AAA Manufactured Housing at N14820 Newport Highway.

Ennis said detectives believe the Randocks were buying merchandise from a ring that was committing numerous burglaries in Spokane, Kootenai and Stevens counties. The ring was selling items taken in the burglaries at cut-rate prices.

Detectives did not accuse the Randocks of re-selling those items, Ennis said.

Two boat motors, a snow blower, three guns and other items stolen in the burglaries were recovered from the Randocks' home during a search last month, Ennis said.

A collector's gun worth about $1,200 was recovered after it was sold for $75, detectives said.

Police believe juveniles and young adults linked to the ring have committed up to 150 burglaries in the three counties during the past year.

Detectives are seeking to identify the owners of four items recovered during the investigation: a 3½ horsepower Eska trolling motor, a 30 horsepower Mariner outboard motor, a blue En glo compressor and a Remington .243-caliber Winchester rifle. The owners are asked to call the police department's crime against property unit.

Ennis said owners have been identified for all other property recovered in the probe.

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