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CBPD Catches Cottage Restaurant Burglary Suspect

CAROLINA BEACH, NC---Shortly after a February 24, 2004 robbery that police here believe is the fourth break-in at the Cottage Restaurant by the same individual since the beginning of this year, Alan Everette Hale, 38, of Wilmington was arrested and charged. The Cottage is an upscale restaurant located at 1 North Lake Park Boulevard.

A Carolina Beach Police Department (CBPD) investigation revealed the break-ins were all conducted in the same manner, which along with other information, ultimately led them to suspect Mr. Hale, a former Cottage Restaurant employee. He was located and apprehended by CBPD shortly after the latest break-in.

According to the police report compiled by CBPD's Criminal Investigation Division, Mr. Hale was charged with four counts of breaking in and entering and three counts of larceny after breaking in and entering and one count of larceny by an employee. Bond was set at \$10,000.