

**COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
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Serial cat burglar caught

Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota and acting Police Commissioner Edward Webber today announced the arrest of a prolific cat burglar who is currently charged with six break-ins and one attempted burglary in Lindenhurst, and is the prime suspect in at least 15 other burglaries scattered across the communities of West Babylon, North Babylon and Deer Park.

All of the burglaries but one occurred between midnight and 4:00 am while the homeowners were asleep in their homes.

District Attorney Spota said Errol D. Barham Jr., 22, of Copiague pleaded not guilty in First District Court to six counts of burglary in the second degree, one count of attempted burglary in the second degree, fourth degree grand larceny and one count of unlawful possession of marijuana.

He is incarcerated in the Suffolk County jail in lieu of \$70,000 cash bail.

Jewelry, cameras, laptops, an I-pad, credit cards, cash, and other stolen goods were recovered by police after a search of Barham's home at 299 42nd Street in Copiague.

Police Commissioner Webber said a task force of robbery detectives was assigned to the case. Barham was arrested by an alert first precinct patrol officer at around 1:30 in the morning on July 4 in a Lindenhurst neighborhood that had been the site of previous burglaries. At the intersection of Sherbrooke Road and Jackson Avenue in North Lindenhurst, the officer, Sgt. Michael McDowell, detained the defendant for questioning. "Barham was riding his bike. "and appeared to be casing homes in the neighborhood," Commissioner Webber said. The police officer noticed too that the suspect was wearing a heavy hoodie-type jacket on a very warm and humid night."

Sgt. McDowell found a box cutter razor, a pair of pliers, a flathead screwdriver and two pairs of gloves on the suspect. Barham was arrested and charged with possession of burglar tools.



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Defendants are entitled to a fair trial with the burden on the government to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.