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Captured fugitive's bail set at \$1 million, others charged

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A man apprehended by Houston County sheriff's deputies early Saturday morning after allegedly removing an ankle monitoring device and fleeing law enforcement officers throughout the day on Friday will face first-degree burglary and theft of property charges.

Houston County Sheriff's Department Capt. Antonio Gonzalez said Darryl Matthew Gumms, 34, will face the charges because he broke into a woman's house and stole a vehicle while fleeing authorities.

But Gumms isn't the only person being charged. His wife and two others have also been charged in connection with Gumms' flight from law enforcement.

Court records indicate sheriff's drug investigators arrested 25-year-old Rebecca Gumms on Friday, and charged her with trafficking meth and manufacturing meth. Records indicate she was charged with trafficking and manufacturing 3.5 ounces of methamphetamine from her home in the 3300 block of East Main Street where deputies found a meth lab.

Records said Rebecca Gumms indicated she was the wife of Daryl Matthew Gumms, who also has pending meth trafficking and manufacturing charges against him. Rebecca Gumms was taken to the Houston County Jail and held on \$250,000 bail.

Sheriff's investigators also arrested two people on felony hindering prosecution charges for allegedly helping Daryl Gumms elude law enforcement.

Records indicate investigators charged Charles Robert Adams, 29, of Harper Joy Road, with hindering prosecution, a Class C felony crime, for assisting Daryl Gumms evade capture by authorities on Thursday.

Records say deputies also charged Jennifer Traylor, 27, of Rock Dale Court, with a similar charge with an offense date on Friday. Both Adams and Traylor were taken to the Houston County Jail and held on \$15,000 bail.

According to authorities, the hunt for Gumms began after he cut an ankle monitoring bracelet off his leg on Wednesday, put it on the ground and then shot two rounds into it with a gun. Gumms eluded authorities through Friday, first on a motorcycle, then in a stolen truck before being tracked to a rural area near Webb, where he allegedly forcibly entered a woman's home.

Police said the woman managed to call authorities while Gumms wasn't paying attention. Deputies took Gumms into custody without incident.

Gumms was out on bail pending trial for methamphetamine trafficking charges. Bail for the additional charges is \$500,000 each.

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