

CRIMINAL JUSTICE and the **MEDIA:**

INSTAGRAM POST LEADS TO FELONY CHARGES

One 19-year-old man learned the hard way that the police actually search Instagram accounts. He had been under observation by the police for a few offenses when officers decided to look at his social media postings. On Instagram, officers found a photo of the man holding two guns. Using the photo as probable cause, the officers subsequently searched the offender's home and found enough evidence to file 142 charges against the man, who reportedly led a burglary ring. As another indication of the power of social media, the sheriff's office announced the execution of the search warrant on its Facebook page. In all, 32 viewers "liked" the page announcing this case.



Instagram led to an arrest for this suspect after police used the photo to support a search warrant. The search resulted in evidence implicating the offender in a burglary ring.

Instagram account of Depree Johnson,
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