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Duval County Sheriff's Department investigators arrested a third man this week in connection to a pair of burglaries that occurred in Benavides recently.

Duval County Investigator Sgt. Ricardo Carrillo II said the two burglaries took place in January and March at homes located on Olvera Street in Benavides.

Thieves took weapons, jewelry, tools and antique records from the residences.

"We basically went out and started talking to people door to door, collecting evidence at both scenes, along with fingerprints and DNA swabs," Carrillo said.

One man, Isauro Franco III, was arrested on a firearms possession charge. He told investigators about two

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other men who were allegedly involved in the burglaries, Silver Benavides and Esiquio Garza, Carrillo said.

Franco actually put his own arrest in action, Carrillo said, when he called 911 for police service. When officers responded, Franco was picked up on a warrant for the stolen firearms that had already been issued for him.

Based on evidence and Franco's claims, investigators obtained warrants for the arrests of Salazar and Garza. Two weeks ago, while walking with friends in Benavides, deputies patrolling the area stopped the group as they walked, and found Salazar among the group, with a warrant on file for him.

On Monday afternoon Garza, knowing he was wanted by sheriff's deputies on the burglary warrant, turned himself in to the Duval County Sheriff's Department, Carrillo said.

Prior to the warrants being issued, all three men were interviewed about the burglaries. Garza and Salazar gave confessions to both burglaries, and that Franco had possession of the firearms, Carrillo said.

Franco was charged with two counts of burglary of a habitation and one count of theft of a firearm. Garza was charged with two counts of burglary of a habitation, and Salazar was charged with one count of burglary.

Carrillo said the department is still working to recover some of the items stolen by the three men.

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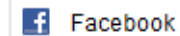
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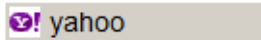
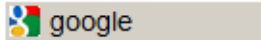
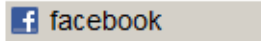
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