

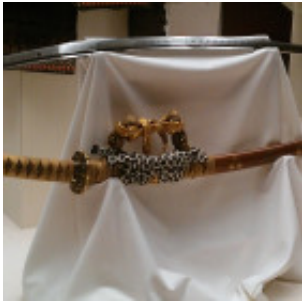
Darien Man Reports Missing 12-Gauge Shotgun, Samurai Sword

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Darien Police are investigating the reported theft of a 12-gauge shotgun and 3-foot Samurai sword from a freestanding garage on Hollow Tree Ridge Road.

A 52-year-old town man told police that the weapons went missing from his sister's garage at 137 Hollow Tree Ridge Road some time between Friday and 10:40 a.m. Monday, according to a police report.

The man said he's in the process of moving and had both the sword—kept in a bamboo sheath—and the black pump-action shotgun with a wooden handle, at his sister's with some other belongings, the report said.

The gun is worth about \$100 and the man told police he's owned for 20 years, while the sword is more than 100 years old and worth about \$2,500, the report said.

The man was unable to produce the gun's serial number and he doesn't know how old it is, police said.

The man first noticed the items missing at about 6:30 p.m. Saturday, but figured at first that they had rolled under a motorcycle cover, the report said. He checked on them the next morning, noticed they were gone, and told police, the report said.

His sister said she owns the only remote that operates the garage door, and that it's been accounted for during the timeframe of the theft, police said.

A search of her residence and the garage's vicinity yielded neither weapon, police said.

Police are treating the incident as a burglary.