



SUCCESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIP BOLO NEWS



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Welcome to this edition of *BOLO News*. *BOLO News* is a monthly newsletter for law enforcement ScrapTheftAlert subscribers that share success stories and other information to help in the ongoing fight against metals theft.

Scrap Theft Alert Success Story

On August 27, 2013, a detective with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office in Ventura, CA issued a theft alert in reference to the theft of adjustable steel plates that had occurred the day prior. The day after the alert was broadcast, the detective was contacted by Standard Industries, also located in Ventura, who advised that there was a suspect attempting to sell material matching the description of the stolen material on the alert. Officers were able to stop the suspect just outside of the Standard Industries yard. The property was positively identified by the victim, and the suspect was arrested. The detective stated in part, "I probably would have never been able to solve this case without the use of ScrapTheftAlert.com. I would like to thank the personnel at Standard Industries for diligently checking the posts." Great job by all involved.

Industry Terminology & Definitions

Last month, we introduced the first of a two-part series on scrap industry terminology and definitions. See part two of this series below.

- **Gaylord Box** – A bulk box (also known as a bulk bin, skid box, tote box, or Gaylord) is a pallet-sized box used for storage and shipping of bulk quantities.
- **Yellow Brass** – Chrome finish, decorative, ornamental.
- **Semi-Red Brass** – Includes clean meter bodies, sprinkler heads, cocks and faucets, spigots, and fittings.
- **Hard Brass** – Includes machinery brass, bushings, gears, and propellers.
- **Cast Aluminum** – Includes clean aluminum castings such as heads, pistons, manifolds, and barbeque grills.
- **AAC's** – Includes all aluminum radiators, free of any steel attachments, hoses, shrouds and caps. Primarily derived from automobiles.
- **P & S** – Plate and structural steel.
- **Ingots** – Molds in which metal is cast or a mass of metal cast into a convenient shape for storage or transportation to be later processed.

In the News

The following are links to news stories from around the country that cover the growing materials theft problem. These stories not only illustrate the breadth of the issue, but also how law enforcement officers are creatively addressing it.

[Hide Your Power Lines: This Is the Golden Age of Copper Theft](#), *Slate*, October 1, 2013

[UC Berkeley Explosion May Be Tied to Copper Wire Theft](#), *Los Angeles Times*, September 30, 2013

[Copper Theft Now an "Epidemic," Says State Rep.](#), *Beaumont Enterprise*, September 30, 2013

[How the Sac PD Metal Theft Unit Reduces Crime](#), *KXTV*, September 26, 2013

[Scrap Metal Thefts up in McDonough County](#), *WGEM*, September 24, 2013

Monthly Law Enforcement Reader Poll

Please take a moment to answer this month's *BOLO News* [Law Enforcement Reader Poll](#).

Results of this month's poll will be revealed in the November issue of *BOLO News*.

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