



SUCCESS THROUGH PARTNERSHIP BOLO NEWS



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Welcome to the fourth edition of BOLO News. Now that the holidays are behind us, it's back to business as usual. Let's get started.

Success Stories

I thought I'd start this edition off with a few success stories from ScrapTheftAlert.com. ScrapTheftAlert works!

Livonia, Michigan

See the below excerpt from an email from Detective Ronald Selleck from Livonia PD.

I wanted to let you know that I have had great success with your site.

On report # MI0912030804432072 we were alerted by Renu Recycling, 34929 Brush, Wayne, MI. They had purchased the listed stolen stainless steel. We were able to recover the metal and obtain a felony warrant for the seller.

On report # MI1001071042112771 we were alerted by H&H Metal 29131 Michigan, Inkster, MI. They had purchased our stolen zinc casting. We were able to recover the property and obtained a felony warrant for the seller.

I have submitted 4 times to your site and have recovered 3 out of the 4.

Thanks.

*Ronald Selleck
Detective
Livonia Police Department*

Additionally, on 09-17-09, Detective Selleck issued an alert through ScrapTheftAlert.com of a 3-4 foot tall bronze statue. The alert was broadcast on that date. Several days later, he was contacted by NPR Recycling in nearby Romulus, Michigan. The statue was recovered and warrants were issued for the perpetrator.

Congratulations to Detective Selleck, H&H Metals, Renu Recycling, and NPR Recycling. **NICE JOB!**

Portage, Michigan

On 01-20-2010, two young men went into Schupan Industrial Recycling in Kalamazoo, Michigan, located a couple of miles from Portage, Michigan. The two men had a large amount of new copper tubing which had been bent to fit in the trunk of their car. The buyer at Schupan Recycling, Jason Slater, thought the men and the material was suspicious, and put it aside to hold. Within minutes, Detective James Myers from Portage Police Department issued a theft alert through ScrapTheftAlert.com detailing stolen copper tubing from a nearby construction site. Detective Myers also followed up with a phone call. Detective Myers worked with Shay Schupan and Jason Slater, and it was determined that the copper tubing had in fact been stolen from the nearby construction site. The two men were identified and 100% of the stolen property was recovered. Warrants have been issued on the two suspects, and arrests are imminent. Congratulations to Jason Slater and Shay Schupan from Schupan Recycling, and to Detective James Myers from Portage Police Department. This is another great example showing that partnerships do work. **NICELY DONE!**

If you have a success story as a result of Scrap Theft Alert, please send them to me. I'd like to highlight them in both future editions of BOLO News as well as recycler publications. It's a great way to put yourself, your agency, and the recyclers you work with in the spotlight for a job well done.

Scrap Theft Alert Usage is Increasing

For the entire year of 2009, a total of 643 alerts were posted to ScrapTheftAlert.com. But the new year is starting off with a bang. 101 theft alerts were issued in the month of January alone – a pace that is more than double that of last year. The increase due to a combination of an increase in crime and an increase in usage by law enforcement.

A total of 1,012 law enforcement officers registered to use ScrapTheftAlert.com in 2009. Since the new year began, registrations have increased nearly 30% to 1,300. Including scrap recyclers, over 6,800 people are registered to receive theft alerts. The more participation we have in the system – by law enforcement and by recycling facilities – the more successful this alert system can be.

Our goal is to have more than 2,500 registered law enforcement users in the system by the end of 2010. To get there, I need your help. Please share information about ScrapTheftAlert.com with your colleagues and friends both in your agency and in other law enforcement agencies. A brochure explaining the system's benefits and ways to register can be found at <http://www.isri.org/theftalertflier/>. And remember, ScrapTheftAlert.com is not only a great tool for investigators, it can be used by patrol officers, analysts, and supervisors as well!

Alerts

Once again, thanks for the efforts you are putting in your alerts. The descriptions and photos (when available) really help the recyclers.

Theft Trends

Over the past several weeks, there have been nine tractor-trailer thefts from various states. These stolen tractor-trailers have been loaded with scrap metal. Although tractor-trailer thefts are nothing new, ones loaded with scrap metal are being stolen with increasing frequency. Most of these have been taken from truck stops. There have also been two scrap recycling facilities burglarized recently, with scrap metal stolen. I just wanted you to be aware of this.

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