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Welcome to the ninth edition of BOLO News. Now that we've gotten 2013 started, we want to bring a little good cheer by highlighting some of the ScrapTheftAlert.com success stories of 2012. Let's get started.

2012 SUCCESS STORIES

Calhoun, GA 01-05-12

Dan Coiner of Nexikon in Calhoun, GA issued a theft alert in reference to the theft of aluminum plates and milled picture frames valued at \$20,000.00. The theft occurred on 01-03-12. On 01-06-12, after having received the theft alert, Chuck Clark of Clark Iron and Metal in Murfreesboro, TN noticed that a subject had brought in material to his facility that matched the description given in the alert. He contacted Detective Kevin Sutton of the Calhoun Police Department. The material was positively identified as being the material listed in the alert. One arrest was made and the material was recovered. This was a great job by Chuck Clark of Clark Iron and Metal in Murfreesboro and Detective Sutton of the Calhoun Police Department. Nice work!

Auburn, MA 01-11-12

On 01-11-12, Detective Vincent Ross of the Auburn Police Department in Massachusetts issued a theft alert in reference to a stolen sign pole, which was valued at \$700.00. Detective Ross included a photo of the sign pole and a surveillance photo of the suspect vehicle with his alert. The alert was broadcast. Francis Martin of Goldstein Scrap in nearby Worcester received the alert. Although the stolen material did not come into his facility, he recognized the vehicle as having been in his facility on several occasions in the past. The vehicle pictured was somewhat distinctive. He contacted Detective Ross and provided him with the information of the person that drives that particular vehicle. He was able to contact the suspect and determined that this person had stolen the property in question. Restitution was made to the victim by the suspect and prosecution was declined, however, the suspect was identified and the case was closed. Congratulations to Francis Martin of Goldstein Scrap and Detective Ross of Auburn Police Department. Francis was very observant and was able to provide critical information to the investigating officer which resulted in this case being resolved. Nice job!

Portsmouth, RI 01-24-12

On 01/24/12, a theft alert from Portsmouth, RI was submitted and was broadcast in reference to the theft of bronze boat struts valued at approximately \$20,000.00. (replacement value) Within 40 minutes of the alert having been broadcast, Sam Sinel of Berger Recycling of Pawtucket, RI contacted the submitter, and advised

that he had recovered the stolen boat struts in question. The submitter contacted Detective Scott Travers of the Portsmouth Police Department. Detective Travers was provided all of the transaction information by Sam Sinel, to include photos and a video of the transaction. Detective Travers was able to locate and arrest the perpetrator in this case. All of the property was recovered and returned to the owner. Great job by Sam Sinel of Berger Recycling in Pawtucket, and Detective Travers of Portsmouth Police Department. Nice work!

Tawas City, MI 01-31-12

On 01-31-12, Trooper Brad Campbell from the Michigan State Police issued a theft alert for the theft of 4 heavy duty industrial batteries, 3 marine batteries, and two rolls of Romex wire from Tawas City, MI. This alert was broadcast. On 02-08-12, Mike Davis of Omnisource in Bay City (69 miles away from Tawas City, MI) recognized some material that had just been brought in to their facility that matched the description on the theft alert in question. Dwayne Moore of Omnisource contacted the Bay City Police Department and advised that they had some material that matched stolen property listed on a recent Scrap Theft alert. At the request of Bay City Police, Dwayne and Mike stalled the subjects until Bay City officers arrived on the scene. Once officers arrived, they were shown that theft alert in question. After investigation two subjects were arrested and the property was recovered. Congratulations to Bay City Police Department, Mike Davis and Dwayne Moore of Omnisource, and Trooper Brad Campbell of the Michigan State Police. Nice job by all!

Clemson, SC 02-09-12

On 02-09-12 a theft of \$12,000.00 worth of AT&T telephone copper wire was reported to the Clemson Police Department in Clemson, SC. A theft alert was issued by Detective James Peppers on 02-13-12. On the same day, Detective Peppers received a phone call from OmniSource in nearby Greenville, SC, who advised that they had received some wire that matched the material listed in the theft alert. That material was positively identified, and the person that sold it was identified. Coincidentally, on the morning of 02-14-12, the same suspect was arrested in the act of trying to steal more wire from another AT&T facility. He was charged with both incidents and the material listed in the alert was recovered. Excellent job by OmniSource in Greenville and Detective Peppers from Clemson Police Department

Sanford, FL 02-22-12

On 02-22-12, Captain Thomas Fuehrer of the Sanford Airport Police Department issued a theft alert in reference to the theft of 10,000 pounds of copper sheets, valued at \$36,836.00. Within several hours of the alert being broadcast, Captain Fuehrer received a phone call from CMC Recycling in Apopka, advising that they had the property in question. The suspect information was provided to Captain Fuehrer, and the suspect was subsequently arrested after he confessed to the crime. Unfortunately, the material had been damaged and was unusable. Captain Fuehrer credited Scrap Theft Alert stating that there would not have been a successful resolution without the assistance of the site, as well as CMC Recycling in Apopka. Great job by all!

Hartford, WI 05-30-12

On 05-30-12, Detective Thickens of the Hartford Police Department in Hartford, WI issued a theft alert in reference to the theft of 4 rolls of 1 inch copper tubing valued in excess of \$2000.00. After the alert was issued, Detective Thickens received assistance from Lana Alexander at A&W Metal in nearby Kewaskum, WI. The suspect was identified and arrested, and the stolen property was recovered. Great job by Detective Thickens of Hartford Police Department and Lana Alexander of A&W Metal.

Lathrop CA 05-31-12

On 05-31-12, Detective Ed Villagomez of the Lathrop Police Department in Lathrop, CA, issued a theft alert in reference to a large number of aluminum molds taken from a local roofing company. These molds are used to make shingles. Within a day and a half after the alert being broadcast, Detective Villagomez received a phone call from Cass, Inc. a recycler from nearby Oakland, CA, advising that they may have recovered some of the molds listed in the alert. These items were positively identified and recovered. As the investigation progressed, it was learned that the theft was actually much larger, in excess of \$32,000.00. Two suspects were identified and were eventually arrested. \$32,000.00 worth of stolen property was recovered and returned to the victim business. Congratulations and nice work to Detective Villagomez of Lathrop Police Department and to Cass, Inc.

Pasadena, MD 08-03-12

On 08-03-12, Officer Laura Dohoney of the Anne Arundel County Police Department issued a Scrap Theft Alert in reference to the theft of steel beams from a school construction site in Pasadena, MD. The theft occurred on 08-01-12 and the value of the material was approximately \$2000.00. On 08-03-12, after the alert was broadcast, Baltimore Scrap contacted the Anne Arundel County Police Department and notified them of two suspects who had attempted to sell the material described in the alert at their facility. Employees of Baltimore Scrap tried to keep the suspects at the facility until police arrived, however, the suspects left. Police were given information on the suspects, and police were able to conduct a traffic stop of the suspects. They were subsequently arrested for this incident and the stolen property was recovered. Chief Larry Tolliver sent a congratulatory letter to the employees of Baltimore Scrap. Great job by employees at Baltimore Scrap and the Anne Arundel County Police Department.

Gordonsville, TN 09-25-12

On 09-25-12, Lancaster Information Services, an investigative agency, issued a theft alert in reference to the theft of a semi tractor-trailer loaded with 9 pallets of coiled aluminum from Gordonsville, TN. The value of the trailer and aluminum was \$48,000.00. This was reported to the Gordonsville Police Department. Several days later, material matching this description was brought into A&P Recycling in Sumter, SC, as reported by Chad Prescott. Chad, who had received the theft alert, notified the Sumter County Sheriff's Office who began investigating, along with investigators from Lancaster Information Services and investigators from the Gordonsville Police Department. As a result of the investigation, 3 persons were arrested, and the material and trailer were recovered. The recovery value is \$48,000.00. Great job by Chad Prescott from A&P Recycling, Lancaster Information Services, Sumter County Sheriff's Office and Gordonsville Police Department.

Gordonsville, TN 09-25-12

On 11-15-12, Sgt. Roy Frost of the Billerica Police Department in Billerica, MA issued a theft alert in reference to the theft of a large amount of cylindrical brass sleeves. After the alert was broadcast, Max Levine Recycling in nearby Lowell, MA contacted Billerica Police Department with information about this theft. As a result, one person was arrested and a significant portion of the property was recovered.

Menomonee Falls, WI 12-27-12

On 12-27-12, Lieutenant Chad Mueller of the Menomonee Falls Police Department issued a theft alert in reference to the theft of scrap metal products valued at \$1500.00. After the alert was broadcast, Industrial Recyclers in nearby Milwaukee contacted the police department and advised that a subject had sold material to them which matched the material in the alert. The suspect was identified, arrested, and the property recovered. Great job by all!

These are just some of the success stories. As you can see, Scrap Theft Alert does work. Currently, there are 115 Scrap Theft Alert success stories with new ones being submitted frequently. To date Scrap Theft Alert has been responsible for 172 arrests/warrants issued, and the recovery of \$749,520.00. Congratulations to all who have been using the system.

Be sure to report back your success stories so we can share info about a job well done.

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