



NEWS RELEASE

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE

SUBJECT: Two Thousand Pounds of Steel Stolen

DATE/TIME: Between 1/15/10 and 1/18/10

LOCATION: Commercial Business located on Rose Ave

OFFICERS INVOLVED: Raheem Carter and Detective Mathew Jackiewicz

ACCUSED:

NARRATIVE

On 1/18/2010 at approximately 9:10 am, police were called to a tool and electronic manufacturing business, located on Rose Ave within the township industrial area, in reference to a theft. Officer Raheem Carter arrived and learned that an excess of 2000 lbs of loose pieces of steel was taken sometime over the past weekend. The steel is cut and used to make various parts for machinery. Further investigation revealed that the steel was located within a secure fenced in storage area behind the business. Unknown actors forced open the gate, entered and removed the steel. The steel is valued at approximately \$3.41 per pound totaling the value of the theft at \$6,820.00. The thieves were probably on location for sometime and had a large vehicle possibly a pick up truck to load the steel into. Officer Raheem Carter handled the initial investigation. Police are asking anyone that may have seen any suspicious activity in the area to contact Detective Mathew Jackiewicz at 732-531-1800. Police are also anticipating that a newly enacted scrap metal law will help in this investigation. The new law requires that the scarp metal yard verify the ID of a person delivering or selling scrap metal by examining a driver's license or other government issued ID with a photo; maintain records for at least five years that would include the date of a purchase, name and address of the seller and a copy of the ID provided, as well as a description of the metal; and make information available to any law enforcement official investigating the theft of scrap metal. These record maintenance provisions will apply to scrap metal purchases of more than 100 pounds or \$50, whichever is less. The new law went into effect on August 1, 2009.

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