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Detectives Seek the Public’s Assistance ref. Lawn Equipment Theft Pattern

Detectives are seeking the assistance of the public in helping to identify any potential suspects in a series of thefts from lawn maintenance company vehicles.

Since September 1st there have been 36 such incidents, mostly confined to the western side of the City.

Typically the lawn maintenance worker(s) will be at a job site and briefly step out of sight of their vehicle to trim or cut grass. The suspect(s) then take that opportunity to drive up and remove any unattended power equipment such as edgers, trimmers, chainsaws and leaf blowers from the worker’s truck or trailer.

In several cases, one or two B/M suspects have been seen.

Detectives estimate that equipment totaling approximately $100,000 in value have been taken over the course of this pattern of thefts.

For any media wishing to cover this story, I do have a victim willing to give sound as well as the investigating detective.

Any member of the public with information should call Detective Michael Egulf at 727-893-4066 or leave they can leave a confidential tip at 727-892-5000.

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