



News Release

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The Hanover County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating a series of larcenies from enclosed utility trailers.

Since mid-January, the Sheriff's Office has been investigating a series of larcenies that have occurred primarily in the central area of the County from enclosed utility trailers. Thus far, a total of eight trailers have been affected, which have been parked primarily at businesses in the Hanover Industrial Air Park and the Lakeridge Industrial Park (see addresses listed below). There have been a variety of items stolen, which have predominantly been power tools and generators. As a result, this has resulted in a significant financial loss to the victims involved.

Incident Locations by Date:

- **1/14/08:**
 - 11000 block of Lakeridge Parkway (Lakeridge Industrial Park)
 - 10400 block of Lakeridge Parkway (Lakeridge Industrial Park)
 - 10100 block of Maple Leaf Court (Lakeridge Industrial Park)
 - 10200 block of Timber Ridge Drive (Lakeridge Industrial Park)
 - 11000 block of Leadbetter Road (Hanover Industrial Air Park)
- **1/15/08:**
 - 11000 block of Leadbetter Road (Hanover Industrial Air Park)
- **1/23/08:**
 - 8400 block of Old Richfood Road
- **1/28/08:**
 - 10200 block of Washington Highway

Although all of the trailers were locked in these instances, the Sheriff's Office would like to take the opportunity to remind the community of several valuable crime prevention tips that will discourage this sort of criminal activity from occurring:

- Park the trailer in a secure location, such as a locked garage or inside a gated lot.
- If the trailer must be left outside in an unsecure area, park it in a well-lit area.
- Consider installing an alarm on the trailer.
- Be vigilant in reporting ANY suspicious activity, no matter how insignificant it may seem, in a timely manner. **For instance, anyone you may observe selling power tools or generators.** The more information that can be gathered, the better (i.e., license plates, physical descriptions, etc.).
- Have a detailed description of all items housed inside the trailer, including model and serial numbers.
- Stay involved in your neighborhood association, Neighborhood Watch program and/or Business Watch program. If your neighborhood or business does not currently participate in these programs, please contact the Sheriff's Office in order to assist you in establishing one.

The Sheriff's Office continues to investigate all possible leads in this case and will work closely with the community to bring this investigation to a successful conclusion. Anyone with information on these incidents should contact Crime Stoppers at 780-1000 or the Hanover Sheriff's Office at 365-6140.

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