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WESTERN DISTRICT

THEFT ARREST

ODENTON

**Copper/Aluminum Wire Theft W/Apprehension
Case # 2008-714789**

On Tuesday, April 8th, 2008 just before midnight, officers responded to a theft in progress at the BG&E Facility located at 730 New Waugh Chapel Road in Odenton. BG&E's security department reported the theft. At least one subject was observed stealing wire from a fenced and secured yard on the BG&E property. The responding officers secured a perimeter of the area. Officers, including a police K-9 and police aviation unit searched the area looking for the suspects. During the search, the aviation unit observed a suspect hiding underneath of a parked pickup truck in the area and directed officers to the location. This subject was taken into custody. A short time later, a citizen called to report a suspicious person hiding in an outdoor alcove of a condominium building in the area. This subject was also located and taken into custody. The area where both of these suspects were located was the property of a gated active adult community that is clearly posted "no trespassing".

Both subjects were arrested for trespassing in the active adult community and were also linked by evidence found near the scene as being involved in the theft at the BG&E Facility. Approximately 288 feet of copper and aluminum wire was recovered and returned to BG&E. The suspects were both charged with trespassing (2 counts), malicious destruction, theft, and 4th degree burglary.

Suspects:

- 1) Ian Keith Gaither Sr., B/M, 12/01/1984, 7503 Furnace Branch Road #D, Glen Burnie, MD
- 2) Josh Albert Strong, W/M, 08/02/1984, 220 Olden Drive, Glen Burnie, MD

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