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NORTHERN DISTRICT

METAL THEFT RECOVERY

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On July 7, 2008, at approximately 4:30 p.m., members of the Anne Arundel County Fire Department responded to the 7800 block of Cheverly Lane, Glen Burnie, for a report of a dwelling fire.

Upon extinguishing the fire, as a matter of routine, the Fire Marshal's Investigators were contacted to determine the origin and cause of the fire and to begin an inspection of the dwelling. They observed numerous weapons and a large amount of copper wire and rubber insulation/sheathing throughout the residence and back yard area. The Fire Investigators contacted members of the Northern District Detective Section who responded to the location.

A basic inspection conducted by the detectives revealed several firearms in the residence as well as the copper wire and insulation. Based upon their findings, a search and seizure warrant was obtained and executed at approximately 8:50 p.m. at the residence. Recovered from the residence was various types of welding cables, a blue armored metal casing/wire, trash bags full of rubber insulation/sheathing, numerous tanks of R-22 (refrigerant) with set gauges, air conditioner coils, and large amounts of copper tubing. Also recovered were a metal eagle with a wingspan of approximately eight to ten feet standing approximately three to four feet tall, a bronze metal pivot, and a gas tank from a Peterbuilt tractor-trailer.

Several of the items recovered included serial numbers allowing police to trace ownership. **However, the large eagle structure and the copper tubing have not been reported stolen and police are seeking assistance in locating the owner(s).**

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There have been numerous theft and burglary reports over the past several years where suspects have entered dwellings, construction sites, commercial buildings, and other areas. Suspects steal wiring and conductors, air conditioning units, tanks, ladders, and other items made of copper and aluminum. Police investigators have learned that these suspects often steal copper wiring and conductors and strip the insulation and sheathing from the materials. They then sell the metal at various scrap yards for cash. This activity has increased recently due to the high price of copper and aluminum. These metals are easily recycled and recyclers pay high prices for the scrap metals.

Charges are pending further investigation.



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