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COPPER WIRE THEFT ARRESTS

Tucson Police Department Officers, assigned to Operations Division East, conducted an investigation into suspicious activity, which resulted in the arrests of two men. Each was charged with felonies related to the theft of an estimated several hundred pounds of insulated copper wiring from a local retail building under construction.

On April 2, 2012, at 11:34 p.m., officers responded to a concerned citizen's call reporting suspicious activity occurring behind the shopping center, located in the 6300 block of East Broadway Boulevard. The responding officers observed a pickup and a sport-utility vehicle leaving the business lot and conducted traffic stops on each of the vehicles. During their contact, officers observed a significant quantity of insulated copper wiring in the bed of the pickup, along with items identified as those commonly used for stealing metal and wiring, in both vehicles. Further investigation revealed the subjects had cut through the security fence surrounding the businesses that are currently being renovated. They proceeded to extract the wiring, which was accessed through an electrical panel box. Detectives from Operations Division East Neighborhood Crimes responded to continue the investigation. **Sean Heinemann, 39 years old,** and **Thomas Boscia, 33 years old,** were later arrested and charged with one count each of **Burglary (C4F)** and **Possession of Burglary Tools (C6F)**.

Tucson Police Department recognizes the significant impact copper wire and other metal thefts have on communities nationwide and have taken a proactive approach intended to reduce the number of thefts, as well as apprehend and prosecute those who engage in these crimes. This investigation serves to illustrate that the success of the Department's initiative is greatly enhanced by collaborative efforts between the Tucson community and the Tucson Police Department.



Sean Heinemann



Thomas Boscia

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