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### THEFT OF POOL PUMPS FROM EAST TUCSON

Since July 4, 2012, the Tucson Police Department has investigated the theft of pool pumps from homes in a few neighborhoods on the east side of Tucson. The thefts have resulted in thousands of dollars in damage and replacement costs. It was learned that the pumps and/or their parts could be recycled for profit due to the metal materials they were made of. As part of the **Metal Theft Reduction Apprehension Plan (MTRAP)**, Tucson Police Department investigative personnel have been working to identify the suspect or suspects responsible for those thefts.

On Thursday, July 26, 2012 Tucson Police Department officers apprehended the suspects believed to be responsible for many of the reported pool pump theft incidents. At the time of their arrest, the suspects were in possession of 8 additional stolen pool pumps. Most of the victims of those thefts have been located. Thus far, investigative personnel have 56 confirmed cases in which victims had a pool pump stolen. However, the detectives believe that there might be other victims that have not yet come forward to report the theft of their pool pump.

It should be noted that police personnel were able to identify the metal recycling businesses that were accepting the motors, strainers, and pumps from the suspects. At this time there is insufficient evidence to indicate criminal culpability on the part of the recycling businesses involved.

The suspects have been identified as **Brett Geraci (35-years old)**, **Joshua Wellner (24-years old)**, and **Roger Crace (36-years old)**. All of the suspects were charged with multiple felony counts and were booked into the Pima County Jail. Booking photographs of the suspects are included below.

If you have been a victim of a pool pump theft and have not yet reported the incident, you are encouraged to call 911 in order to make a police report. Additionally, the Tucson Police Department recommends the following to help protect your belongings:

- Secure your property
- Lock your gates and install motion detection lights around your home



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- Register your pool pumps with the manufacturers and keep documentation of the make, model, and serial number if available
- Get to know and talk with your neighbors.
- Look out for each other's property
- Be aware of suspicious activity and report it to 911 immediately



Brett Geraci



Joshua Wellner



Roger Crace

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