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Tool thefts continue to be a problem in Weld County

Thefts of tools from construction sites and oil and gas facilities continue to be an issue in Weld County.

Last week, the Weld County Sheriff's Office issued a public service announcement about a recent uptick in tool thefts. The sheriff's office received several more reports of tool thefts over the weekend and into this week.

Although we are receiving calls from victims all over the county, the highest concentration of tool thefts has been reported in Del Camino, Hill-N-Park and on the south side of the county, from about Weld County Road 6 to the Adams County line.

The items thieves are targeting run the gamut of small hand and power tools to higher ticket items such as generators, air compressors, demolition tools and other large equipment. It appears in the last week thieves are focusing more on small tools that don't carry serial numbers.

The sheriff's office would like to reiterate residents take the following steps to prevent and protect themselves from tool theft:

- Take an inventory of your tools, noting the serial numbers for high-ticket items.
- Mark low-ticket items with your name or company logo for easy identification.
- Do not leave tools out in the open at the jobsite or in the bed of your pickup.
- Store tools securely, whether that's in a storage container at the site or by bringing tools into your garage at the end of the workday.
- If storing tools onsite, be sure to purchase high-quality locks.
- Be wary of your surroundings and report suspicious people and activity by calling 911.

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Anyone with information regarding this or any other crime is asked to call the Weld County Sheriff's Office at (970) 356-4015 or Northern Colorado Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**. **Tips can also be submitted through the Crime Stoppers website at www.crimeshurt.com. Those submitting tips through Crime Stoppers that lead to the arrest and filing of charges on a suspect(s) may be eligible for a cash reward.**

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Steve Reams – Sheriff