



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: 02-27-2014

From: Lt. Steve Knight
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Subject: Commercial Burglary

Case: 201400174

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On 1-10-2014, at approximately 2:00 p.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office was notified of a burglary that occurred at Miller Farms Nursery, 1828 Central Avenue, McKinleyville. A deputy responded to Miller Farms and met with an employee. The employee told the deputy the business was closed and secured on 01-09-2014, at approximately 5:30 p.m. On 1-10-14, at approximately 6:20 a.m. when the business was opened the employees saw the chain link fence had been cut, and a lock had been removed from an outbuilding on the property. When the outbuilding was checked, the employee discovered two Honda generators worth approximately \$2,500.00 dollars were stolen, along with a nail gun and other tools.

On 2-26-2014, the employee who reported the crime called the investigating deputy and told the deputy he had received information third hand the stolen property may be in a local transient camp in the area. The employee told the deputy he would re-contact the Sheriff's Office when he learned where the camp was at.

On 2-27-2014, at approximately 9:30 a.m. the Miller Farms employee called the Sheriff's Office and reported he located the camp to the north of Nursery Road, McKinleyville. Deputies responded and met with the employee who located some of the stolen property in a transient camp, along with a female who was living in the camp. The female was identified as Chris Ann Crittenden, 39 years old, a transient. Crittenden was arrested for possession of stolen property and was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where she was booked. Her bail was set at \$25,000.00.

With the assistance of the Miller Farms employee, deputies identified and recovered a generator, concrete saw concrete drill, hand tools and a C.B. Radio that were stolen.

There is additional stolen property that still has not been recovered, including a Honda generator. Deputies are still actively investigating the case.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriffs Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriffs Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.

Mike Downey
Sheriff

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