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DATE: 09/22/2011

NATURE OF INCIDENT: Public Awareness

CASE NO.:

INCIDENT DATE :09/22/2011

INCIDENT TIME:

INCIDENT LOCATION: Duluth and Surrounding Area

SUBJECT: Police Alert Citizens of Recent Vehicle Thefts

BY: DPD Public Information Officer Jim Hansen

The Duluth Police Department has identified a recent trend of criminal activity where suspects are searching for vehicles located on private property which appear to be broken down, or not in good running condition.

The suspects then contact a towing company who unwittingly buy the vehicles as an untitled salvage or junk vehicle. The vehicles are towed away and end up being salvaged or sold as scrap before the lawful owner has had a chance to report their vehicle stolen.

The Duluth Police Department encourages tow companies, salvage yards, scrap metal recycling centers and citizens to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity by calling 911.