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PRESS RELEASE
A23-26242 WESTROCK THEFT INVESTIGATION
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On December 27, 2023, the Sheriff's Office received a report of a theft from the WestRock mill site at 300 Fibre Way in Longview. WestRock Security reported a Ford F350 flatbed truck containing two spools of industrial-grade wire were stolen. The wire spools were valued at approximately \$10,000 each.

Security staff also determined a pile of loose wire and a gas card were stolen, and a tractor had been used without permission and dumped in a remote location at the mill site. The Ford F350 truck was later found to be unoccupied at a cemetery but was missing the wire spools.

Security staff were able to identify suspect vehicles that had trespassed on the mill site and learned that matching wire had been sold to GT Metals. Deputy Steve Ross investigated this incident and was able to identify multiple suspects in a series of thefts from WestRock. Deputy Ross obtained a search warrant for the residence of one of the suspects on Ferncrest Rd in Longview. Deputies were able to recover stolen property during the service of the search warrant.

Four suspects were identified in this case and booked into the Cowlitz County Jail on the following charges:

Myron G. Hoskins, age 62, Longview – booked on charges of Burglary 2nd Degree, Theft 1st Degree, Criminal Conspiracy, Trafficking Stolen Property 1st Degree, and Taking Motor Vehicle Without Permission 2nd Degree.

Forest H. Street, age 29, Longview – booked on charges of Burglary 2nd Degree, Theft of Motor Vehicle, Theft 1st Degree, Criminal Conspiracy, Trafficking Stolen Property 1st Degree, and Theft 2nd Degree – Access Device.

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Casey L. Neubauer, 40, Longview – booked on charges of Burglary 2nd Degree, Theft of Motor Vehicle, Theft 1st Degree, Criminal Conspiracy, Trafficking Stolen Property 1st Degree, and Taking Motor Vehicle Without Permission 2nd Degree.

Colt K. Weicht, age 39, Castle Rock – booked on charges of Possession of Stolen Property 2nd Degree and Trafficking Stolen Property 2nd Degree.

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